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Iraqis told to accept allies' three-stage withdrawal plan by this evening or face all-out war

Bush gives Saddam final ultimatum

Kremlin still pressing separate proposals

By Peter Stothard in Washington and Our Foreign Staff

PRESIDENT Bush yesterday gave Iraq until 5pm today to pull out of Kuwait or face a ground war. Within hours of the ultimatum being issued, the Soviet Union announced that Iraq's foreign minister had agreed a revised six-point plan to end the conflict, including an immediate withdrawal.

However, the Soviet plan is still unlikely to satisfy the allies as it still offers no guarantees on the sovereignty of Kuwait, the return of its legitimate government or on war reparations.

Announcing his ultimatum yesterday afternoon, Mr Bush declared: "The coalition will give Saddam Hussein until noon Saturday (5pm GMT) to do what he must do – begin his immediate and unconditional withdrawal from Kuwait. We must hear publicly and authoritatively his acceptance of these terms."

Mr Bush accused Iraq of sending contradictory messages: it was initiating a scorched earth policy, wantonly setting fire to and destroying Kuwaiti oil facilities while outwardly pursuing a Soviet peace plan. Mr Bush said the time had therefore come to spell out exactly what was required if a ground war is to be avoided. If Saddam failed to comply fully, he risked subjecting the Iraqi people to "further hardship".

The White House later gave a detailed three-stage definition of the unconditional withdrawal which it was demanding as the price of not retaking Kuwait by force. By 5pm today, Iraq must send a representative to the UN, officially announce its decision to withdraw and begin that withdrawal. By 5pm on Monday, Iraqi trooops must have left Kuwait City and the oil fields and islands and have released all prisoners of war. By next Saturday, the withdrawal must be complete.

Mr Bush told President Gorbachev in an hour-long telephone call yesterday that the allies were also calling for a cessation of hostilities against Israel, co-operation in clearing mines and an end to all Irai flights over Kuwait except those transporting troops back home. In return, coalition forces would not attack retreating troops and would "exercise restraint".

"This goes to Saddam Hussein," the White House spokesman, Marlin Fitzwater, said. "The ball is in his court." Any breach of the terms would produce an "instant and sharp response". A senior Pentagon official said the ground attack would be "such as the world has never seen and should never want to see".

The Soviet solution, a refinement of the eight-point plan announced late on Thursday night, calls for an immediate withdrawal without conditions, to be supervised by the UN and completed in 21 days. Prisoners of war would be released within 72 hours and the UN resolutions would be rescinded after withdrawal.

The proposals were agreed during talks in Moscow between Tariq Aziz, the Iraqi foreign minister and Aleksandr Bessmertynkh, his Soviet counterpart. Mr Gorbachev later contacted the permanent members of the UN Security Council to discuss the plan.

Asked about the Soviet reaction to Mr Bush's ultimatum, Mr Gorbachev's spokesman Vitali Ignatenko said: "It's the proposal just outlined."

Mr Gorbachev's deputy spokesman, Sergei Grigoriev, had earlier said that Mr Bush's reaction to the Moscow talks and fears that Saddam was using them as a delaying tactic were understandable. "We all know that it's getting harder and harder to trust Saddam Hussein and that is why probably this is some kind of a litmus test for Mr Hussein's commitments."

John Major last night echoed Mr Bush's insistance that Saddam must "authoritatively and publicly" acknowledge that he would implement the UN resolutions. "That is what we require of him," he said. "We are really not prepared to be strung along any longer. It is not in the interests of Kuwait, it is not in the interests of armed forces and it is not in the interests of the whole territory. I hope he recognises that."

The prime minister, who chaired a meeting of the war cabinet after cutting short a visit to Northern Ireland, said that the coalition's demands were not negotiable. "Iraq now know precisely what they have to do. I hope they recognise we are not prepared to bargain with them."

Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, said he did not think it likely that Saddam Hussein would accept the ultimatum.

Gerald Kaufman, the shadow foreign secretary, said they would all have liked to have seen more time for the Soviet diplomatic efforts. The problem was that there seemed to be two Iraqi policies: the policy of Tariq Aziz in negotiation with President Gorbachev and the policy of Saddam who made belligerent broadcasts and appeared to be intent on destroying the whole of Kuwait's oil production.

The French government backed the ultimatum. The foreign minister, Roland Dumas, said that there was complete agreement between the allies and that President Mitterrand had spoken to Mr Bush just after the deadline had been set in Washington.

At the Pentagon, a senior military official said the diplomatic activity was not derailing the allied war plans. "Desert Storm continues to swirl on, regardless. We have our plan and we continue to follow it. Round-the-clock air attacks continue."

Iraq claimed yesterday that the ground offensive had begun, but this was quickly denied by the allies. "If Iraq is leaping to the conclusion that a ground war has begun based on artillery fire from a single (British) division, then they clearly don't understand the true fire power of the coalition forces," one American defence official said. "When the ground battle starts, we will all know. It will involve such an overwhelming surge of fire power."

Pierre Joxe, the French defence minister, said it could be only hours away. "The start of land operations is now programmed. It is a *question* of a few hours," he said.

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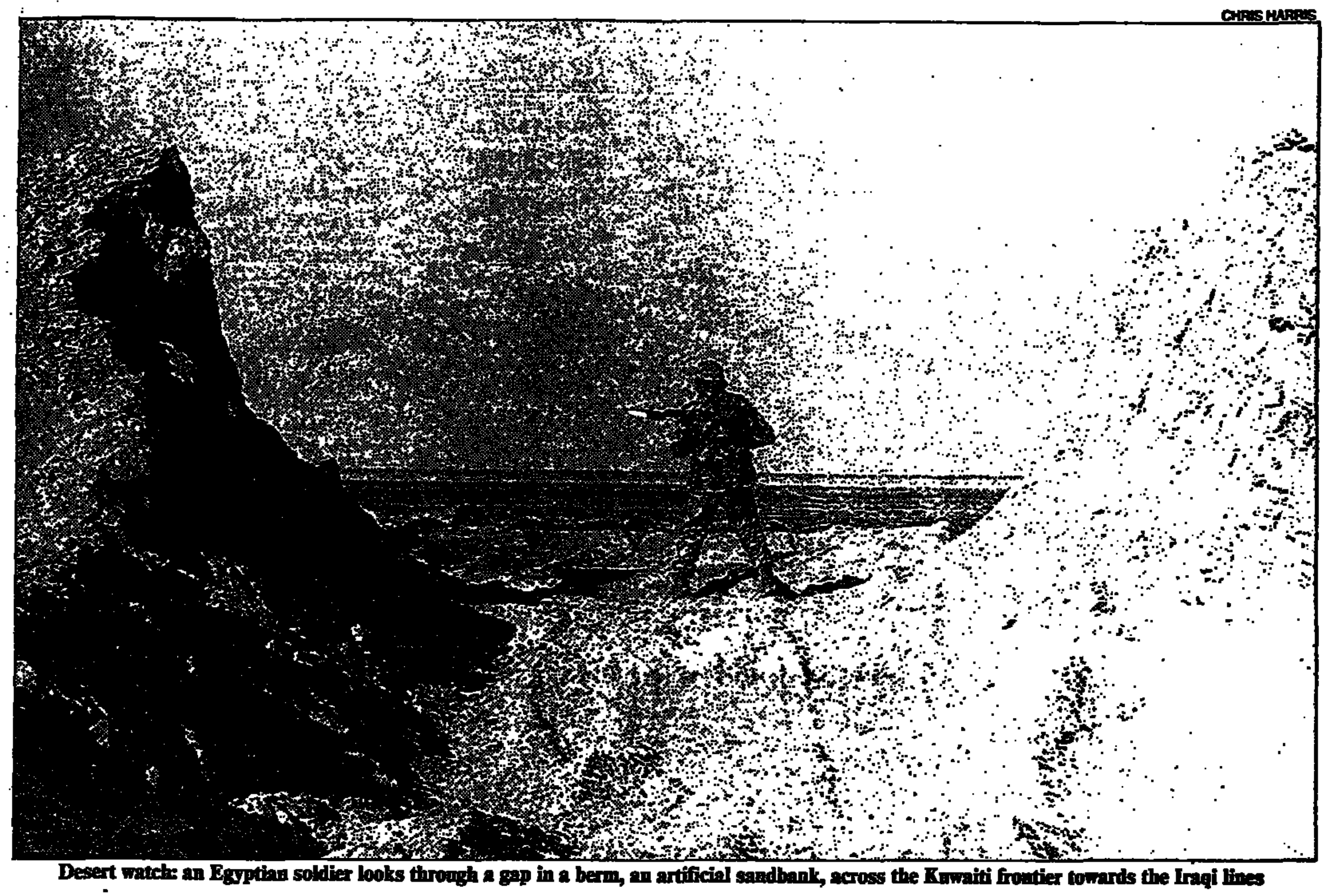

CHRIS HARRIS

Desert watch: an Egyptian soldier looks through a gap in a berm, an artificial sandbank, across the Kuwaiti frontier towards the Iraqi lines

Scorched-earth policy wrecking Kuwaiti oilfields, says America

From Martin Fletcher in Washington

PRESIDENT Bush said yesterday that Saddam Hussein, anticipating his forced ejection from Kuwait, had launched a "scorched earth" policy aimed at destroying the entire Kuwaiti oil industry.

Saddam was "wantonly setting fire to, and destroying the oil wells, the oil tanks, the export terminals and other installations of that small country," Mr Bush declared.

American intelligence estimates showed that the Iraqis had destroyed more than 149 of Kuwait's 950 oil wells and the facilities attached in all the major oil fields in the previous 24 hours. Thick columns of smoke covered about 25 per cent of Kuwait's oil fields, Brigadier-General Richard Neal, Centcom's director of operations, said.

This was "orchestrated, systematic destruction ... it looks like he is carrying out what he has said on several occasions. He is carrying out his policy of destroying Kuwait".

General Neal said the smoke could slightly hamper some military action but "we are not concerned that it would seriously interrupt any operations now or in the future". Coalition forces had "prepared to operate in that environment". Some weeks ago Saddam had set fire to a small number of oil wells in an apparent attempt to hide his troops from allied warplanes.

General Neal would not speculate on Saddam's motives this time, but Kuwait's refusal to curb oil production and thereby boost world prices was one of the grievances cited by an impoverished Iraq to justify the August 2 invasion. One of Saddam's first actions after the invasion was thought to be the wiring of Kuwait's oil production facilities with explosives.

General Neal would not say if the coalition was taking action to prevent further destruction, but Saddam's implementation of a "scorched earth" policy would clearly give Mr Bush a strong pretext for swiftly launching a ground offensive despite the Soviet peace initiative. There was no way of independently corroborating the American statements.

Experts said yesterday that it would cost a small fortune to rebuild the Kuwaiti oil industry, and Saddam's deliberate acts of destruction will make it still more likely that the United Nations will insist he pays war reparations.

However, the oil experts said that as no oil has been exported from either Kuwait or Iraq for six months, the destruction of the Kuwaiti oil industry would have little impact on world prices. "If anything, the news that the Kuwaiti repairs were going ahead very promptly would probably have a depressing effect on prices, with the market looking forward to additional crude when there is already plenty on the market," said Foster Mellen, an oil analyst.

Nor did they believe that the fields would burn indefinitely, threatening another environmental disaster. In most Kuwaiti fields, the oil stays underground because of low pressure, and fires would therefore die for lack of oxygen.

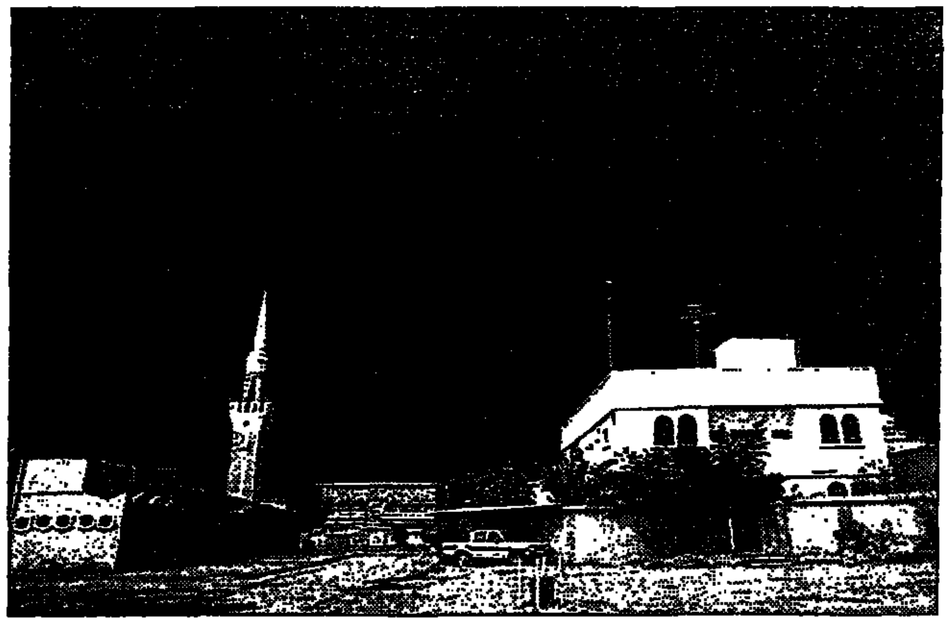
Kuwait has seven major oil fields with nearly 1,000 wells, four refineries and at least two main export terminals. Those figures do not include production facilities in a neutral zone owned jointly by Kuwait and Saudi Arabia, part of which is occupied by Iraqi troops.

In 1989, the last complete year of production, Kuwait produced roughly 1.5 million barrels of oil a day and accounted for about three per cent of the world's oil production. It has about nine per cent of world crude reserves.

"Under a real crash rebuilding programme, you could get production back close to prewar levels in 12 to 18 months," said David Mangan, a contributing editor to the *Oil Daily Energy Compass* magazine. Mr Mellen estimated it would take between nine months and two years, depending on the availability of engineers and material, to repair the wells.

The Kuwaitis believe rebuilding their country could cost anywhere up to $100 billion (£50 billion), and are thought to have earmarked between $20-$40 billion for reconstruction of the oil industry, depending on how extensively it had been destroyed.

● **RIYADH:** Saudi troops crossed six miles behind the front lines and cleared a path through an Iraqi minefield as part of preparations for a ground offensive, a Saudi military spokesman said yesterday. He said the Saudi patrol removed and defused 75 Iraqi landmines.


Black out: smoke from burning wells obscuring the midday sun in Khafji yesterday

Anger as steel jobs are lost

By Kerry Gill

ANGER and dismay was expressed last night after British Steel announced it was cutting 1,100 steelworkers' jobs at Ravenscraig, near Motherwell. More than 3,000 job losses have been announced in the Scottish steel industry in the last six months.

Shop stewards at the plant said steel production north of the Border would be finished within 12 months. The Lanarkshire Development Agency called for immediate government aid.

British Steel is to reduce the plant to a single blast furnace because of a worldwide fall in demand and weak prices. Production will be cut from 36,000 tonnes a week to less than 22,000 tonnes.

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Dalglish blows whistle on life at the Kop

Dalglish: "burn-out might be temporary"

By John Goodbody
Sports News Correspondent

KENNY Dalglish, at the age of 39 and earning £200,000 a year as the most successful post-war football manager in Britain, amazed the sporting world yesterday by resigning from Liverpool FC, citing pressure as the reason. His team, the reigning league champions, are three points clear at the top of the first division, still in the FA Cup and on course for a return to European soccer next season.

During his five years as manager, Dalglish won the championship three times and the FA Cup twice, including the double. As a player, he represented Scotland 102 times and was an outstanding goalscorer for his Merseyside club. Announcing his departure, Dalglish said: "It was the pressure I was putting myself under in the desire to be successful. I felt it would be wrong to mislead everybody in thinking everything was fine with myself. There is no animosity between the club and me."

He said that he had pushed himself to the limit and it was the first time since he joined Liverpool in 1977 that he had made a decision that was more in favour of himself than the club. There were indications last night, however, that Dalglish's decision was partly due to the criticism within the club of his reluctance to pick Peter Beardsley, the England forward, regularly in recent weeks.

There is no precedent in English football for such a successful manager to walk away from a club in mid-season. Being manager of Liverpool with the expectations of half the city weighing down on you, is a particular burden. As Bill Shankley, the former manager, said: "Football is not a matter of life and death. It is far more serious than that."

Brian Miller, a sports psychologist, described Dalglish's state as "burn-out": the rewards for coping no longer justifying the commitment. Miller said that leisure time was important and managers should try to get away from the game during the close season.

Yesterday Dalglish adopted this policy by playing golf with Tommy Smith, former Liverpool defender. Smith said: "It was about time Kenny had a rest. Shankley, Paisley and Fagan all went for the same reason. The job just became too much for them."

Miller said that burn-out was a temporary condition. If so, in six months Dalglish may well be recharged and back in the game with half the clubs in Europe queueing up for him.

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Nobody knows what to do with women my age. But I am doing something about it. I've carved out this place for myself where I admit I'm fifty-six, love it, and am willing to play it," she says. "Hell, my juices didn't even get going until I was forty."

At forty-three, with 1977's *The Turning Point,* MacLaine began cornering the market on those few but pivotal parts of a mother engaged in a complicated relationship with her daughter. For her Oscar-winning role in *Terms of Endearment,* she let untended roots whiten her hair to play an overbearing matriarch anxious about her child's terminal cancer. After packing on twenty pounds for *Madame Sousatzka,* she again locked vanity away in the dressing room to become *Steel Magnolias'* matronly Ouiser, the irascibly loyal dame you hope will be around – and on your side – in your twilight years at the hairdresser. Still, few were prepared for *Postcards from the Edge* – in which she portrayed a hard-drinking showbiz mom trying to keep her drug-rehabbed daughter from sniffing her future up her nose – and The Scene, the one that separated the actresses from the girls.

In a moment that had audiences squirming because of its cosmetic candor, MacLaine, in unforgiving close-up, sits in a hospital bed, scrub-faced and nearly bald, as her daughter helps her remake her public persona piece by piece: eyebrows, cheeks, lips, eyes.

Extraordinary for its starkness, it probably ensured her an Academy Award callback. "Like all great actors, Shirley has no vanity," says *Postcards* director Mike Nichols. "Shirley relished going as far as she could with that scene."

"Hell, my juices didn't even get going until I was forty."

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The decision makers: Saddam facing demands for a pullout on Wednesday, before Tariq Aziz accepted a Gorbachev peace plan yesterday. Later George Bush gave Iraq a deadline for withdrawal

Allied ultimatum prepares way for start of land war

By Michael Binyon, diplomatic editor

THE allied ultimatum looked likely to guarantee the start of a ground war this weekend. In voicing the deep distrust in any promise made by President Saddam Hussein, President Bush quickly cut through the dilemma in which the vague and unsatisfactory Soviet proposals placed the allies. Shorn of his diplomatic language, his message was that the Soviet Union is not taking part in the allied offensive, so it is not up to Moscow to say when and how it should be halted.

Does that mean the end of the road for diplomacy? Can anything be salvaged from the Soviet initiative? And how will its rejection affect the standing and attitude of President Gorbachev? The Soviet Union knew its proposals stood a slim chance. The allies made their objections very clear over the past two days. But so deeply engaged was Moscow, and so much did Mr Gorbachev need a diplomatic coup to repair his battered international image and outmanoeuvre his hardliners at home, that he went not just the extra mile but much further in trying to accommodate Iraq. He persuaded Tariq Aziz, the almost powerless Iraqi foreign minister, to agree to an immediate release of prisoners to satisfy one allied demand. But despite extracting a declaration of "unconditional withdrawal" he could not get the Iraqis to drop their conditions, or nail them down to unambiguous undertakings on the other security council resolutions.

In reality there never was a firm Soviet plan, as Moscow admitted yesterday. And what proposals they had were muddled by contradictions between different factions in the Kremlin. Iraq was persuaded to start the negotiations, in itself a big achievement. But these were far from complete, and many suspected Saddam was attempting to halt the military action on the brink of success and mire it in interminable haggling.

None of this was acceptable to the coalition for three reasons. First, the Soviet proposal had no international legal basis, and could not be a substitute for resolutions by the United Nations.

Second, no one put any trust in the word of Saddam. The record of the agreements made and flouted in the war with Iran show that he has used intermediaries as covers to give him time to regroup politically and militarily.

Third, Kuwait and the Arab coalition partners had little say in an agreement that would have affected them above all. The Kuwaitis and Saudis have repeatedly said they cannot live with Saddam still in power.

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No news is bad news in Baghdad

By Hazhir Teimourian

THE people of Iraq waited in vain yesterday to hear from their official media the country's position on the Soviet-brokered peace formula. Baghdad radio, which is still audible throughout Iraq despite its reduced power and changed frequency, was silent on the subject, and the newspapers, much reduced in size to preserve paper, similarly pretended it had never happened.

Nor did they refer, even in passing, to President Saddam Hussein's speech the previous day on Baghdad radio, in which he had promised to continue resisting the forces that wanted to dislodge Iraq from Kuwait. Nevertheless, the people seemed to be abreast of events. Despite a shortage of batteries, celebratory gunfire was heard in the capital and other cities at dawn as news came over foreign radios that an agreement had been struck in Moscow.

It was not a matter of idle curiosity. Saddam's speech contained obvious contradictions to the readiness to give up Kuwait shown by Tariq Aziz, the foreign minister. Who was now speaking for the country? Would the war continue, or even intensify?

The answer was not long in coming. At 10.30am air-raid sirens began wailing in Baghdad and a series of explosions was heard as the allies resumed the daylight bombing of selected targets in the city for the first time in two weeks.

Iraqi regime fatally wounded

Fear for the survival of his regime must be haunting Saddam Hussein, writes **Michael Evans**. The war is going badly for him and his forces

GROUND war or no ground war, the United States and its allies in the 28-nation coalition have come a long way towards fulfilling some of the principal goals after five weeks of war, including the destruction of much of Iraq's war machine. Even if President Saddam Hussein orders his forces to leave Kuwait to meet the American deadline, enough may already have been achieved on the military side to bring down the Iraqi leader.

Reports of increasing dissension between the Iraqi people and the ruling Baath party, and within the leadership itself, provide at least part of the explanation for Saddam's decision to accept the withdrawal of his forces from Kuwait. Determined to remain in power however the war ended, Saddam must have begun to fear for the survival of his regime.

The constant bombing of strategic targets in Baghdad and other Iraqi cities and towns had clearly begun to erode support for the war inside Saddam's own party, particularly when the allies refused to be drawn prematurely into a land battle. That was the only way in which the Iraqis could have gained some victories, and thus have won political kudos in the Arab world.

Intelligence agencies have been aware that several figures within the Baath party had become critical of Saddam's stubbornness, because they felt he was bringing Iraq to its knees. It was against this background that the Revolutionary Command Council published its statement on February 15, proclaiming Iraq's readiness to withdraw from Kuwait.

If the intelligence reports are accurate, however, Saddam still clearly remained determined to fight, which may be why the first withdrawal offer had so many unacceptable conditions attached. It is believed that one of the growing number of critics inside the Baath party is Hassan Ali al-Amari, a member of the Revolutionary Command Council and chairman of the National Progressive Front. Tariq Aziz, the foreign minister, and Nizar Hamdun, his deputy, are also thought to have become concerned that Iraq faced destruction for the sake of Saddam's personal ambitions.

Among the people of Iraq, there has apparently been growing anger that the popular committees, established to supervise food distribution, have been showing favouritism towards Baath party activists and those close to them. The distribution of gas masks and protective kits to citizens has also been cut down and only those close to the regime have been supplied with adequate protection.

The defiant speech by Saddam on Baghdad radio on Thursday, followed only hours later by the announcement in Moscow that Iraq had accepted the peace plan proposed by President Gorbachev, seems to indicate that the Iraqi leader is torn between the yearning for allied blood to be spilled in a land battle and his own determination to survive.

While the "deal" in Moscow could be seen as an admission of military defeat, he was clearly hinting in his earlier speech that Iraq's use of chemical weapons would be justified if the allies rejected the peace offer and a full ground war was launched.

If Saddam fights on and loses, his overthrow is almost certain. If he gives in unconditionally, having told the Iraqi people he was prepared to fight to the end, he could also be ousted from office. As Andrei Grachev, of the Soviet Central Committee, said in Paris on Wednesday: "Saddam comes out of this as someone defeated politically, militarily and in my view morally, and it will be up to the Iraqi people to draw the conclusions."

The truth is that even if there is a full ground offensive, the allies will probably never be able to prosecute Operation Desert Storm to the very end. For if the battle went badly for Iraq in the first week, and there was a chance of allied armour driving up the road towards Baghdad, Saddam, or the Revolutionary Command Council, would probably surrender.

The allies have now destroyed or damaged 30-50 per cent of Iraq's heavy equipment inside Kuwait, put the whole of Iraqi air defences out of action and bombed Saddam's nuclear, biological and chemical production capability beyond repair for years to come. Much of the country's strategic infrastructure has also been destroyed.

UNITED STATES

Embassy suspended in diplomatic limbo

From Susan Ellicott in Washington

AN IRAQI diplomat has been ordered to leave the United States by midnight today, after being charged with "activities incompatible with his status".

His expulsion, couched in language that generally refers to spying, has drawn attention to what even a State Department official describes as a "peculiar limbo situation". Officially the mission does not function since Baghdad broke diplomatic relations with America and its allies two weeks ago. But the embassy has never closed despite the departure of its ambassador and most senior staff.

Until today, four diplomats have been crossing a police cordon each day in order to reach their offices ten blocks from the White House. Employees have been sending out press releases on a facsimile machine, including copies of President Saddam Hussein's addresses through the Iraqi Revolutionary Command Council.

Abdul Darwad, a local staffer who works alongside Iraq's four remaining diplomats, said: "We didn't get any order to leave so we will stay. He said the embassy had no direct contacts with Baghdad. Asked if the lack of an order to leave had something to do with this, Mr Darwad laughed: "I hope." Telephone enquiries are received cordially, although staff are reluctant to give basic information on their numbers and what they are doing.

Uniformed secret service police watch the embassy around the clock. Under the Vienna accords, the Iraqi diplomats left behind retain their immunity while the host country allows them a "reasonable time" to leave. The United States has not yet told the three remaining diplomats that their time is up.

The recall to Baghdad last month of Iraq's ambassador to the United States, Mohammad al-Mashat, left the embassy without a minor celebrity. Dr al-Mashat's appearances on American television to defend his country's invasion last year proved him a master of ambiguity, but he was never credited with much authority. The ambassador said he learned of the invasion of Kuwait through a late-night American news programme and when the State Department summoned him the next day.

Weather eye: Captain Bob Williams shares a watch with the duty mine lookout on board HMS Brave, which is patrolling the waters of the northern Gulf

UNITED STATES

Tough controls on arms sales planned

From Martin Fletcher in Washington

THE Bush administration is to announce stringent export controls on American manufacturers to restrict the global proliferation of chemical, biological and nuclear weapons in the wake of the Gulf war.

The administration has decided to act quickly and unilaterally despite some internal dissent and protests from American industry, which stands to lose out to Western competitors. "We are doing this to show we mean business, to take a leading role," said a senior State Department official. "It will be coupled with a major effort to achieve international concurrence."

The United States has urged several allies to adopt similiar controls. Germany, responsible for many of Iraq's weapons of mass destruction, has said that it will adopt strict new measures. "We are expecting our partners to be receptive," said the State Department official, though colleagues are more sceptical.

James Baker, the Secretary of State, told a congressional committee this month that reversing years of proliferation of conventional and non-conventional arms in the Middle East would be a key element in building a lasting postwar peace in the region.

The administration has to decide whether to publish, for the first time, a complete list of countries suspected of trying to acquire weapons of mass destruction, thus causing diplomatic embarrassment. While there is no problem in naming countries such as Iraq, Iran and Libya, a list would also have to include Israel, a number of countries allied with the United States against Iraq, including Syria, Pakistan and possibly Saudi Arabia, and generally friendly countries such as Brazil, Argentina and India.

The administration's "enhanced proliferation control initiative", whose bare outlines were approved by President Bush in December, will increase from 11 to 50 the number of basic chemicals for which export licences will be required. It will give the Commerce Department strict control over the export of all equipment, plant designs and technology used in the manufacture of chemical or biological weapons and missiles. Violating the controls will become a criminal offence.

Ozal sacks his defence minister

Ankara — President Ozal of Turkey dismissed his defence minister yesterday in a domestic political dispute, making him the third senior Turkish official to leave office during the Gulf conflict.

Husnu Dogan, the defence minister and Mr Ozal's nephew, had quarrelled with Mr Ozal over a foray by the president's wife into politics. His dismissal highlighted the turmoil in Turkish politics over the candidacy of Semra Ozal for the leadership of the Istanbul branch of the governing Motherland Party.

Mr Dogan said he had offered to resign several days ago, and had been persuaded not to. He was sacked after a dispute with the president over attending a meeting. *(AP)*

Aliens may stay

Washington — The Justice Department said that 51,000 nationals from Kuwait, Lebanon and Liberia at present in the United States will be allowed to stay in the country for at least one year. "This will ensure that persons from those countries will not be forced to return to their homelands while present dangers exist," the attorney general, Dick Thornburgh told reporters. *(Reuter)*

Blunders alleged

Washington — Blunders by federal bank regulators helped Iraq get billions of dollars in loans from an Italian bank operating in the United States, Henry Gonzalez, chairman of the House of Representatives banking committee, told Congress. He said loans to Iraq by the Atlanta, Georgia, office of Banca Nazionale del Lavoro were "a sensational bank fraud and regulatory blunder". *(Reuter)*

Nuclear watch

Chicago — The guardians of the "Doomsday Clock" say they are keeping a watch on the Gulf war but have no immediate plans to move the hands of the disaster symbol. Since 1947 the clock has tracked the world's flirtation with nuclear war. The hands of the clock were last moved a year ago after the end of the Cold War when they were set at ten minutes to midnight. *(Reuter)*

Bush spells out strict conditions for calling off the ground offensive

US TERMS

PRESIDENT Bush's White House statement yesterday afternoon:

The United States and its coalition allies are committed to enforcing the United Nations resolutions that call for Saddam Hussein to immediately and unconditionally leave Kuwait.

In view of the Soviet initiative, which very frankly we appreciate, we want to set forth this morning the specific criteria that will ensure Saddam Hussein complies with the United Nations mandate.

Within the last 24 hours alone, we have heard a defiant, uncompromising address by Saddam Hussein, followed less than ten hours later by a statement in Moscow that, on the face of it, appears more reasonable.

I say on the face of it, because the statement promised unconditional Iraqi withdrawal from Kuwait, only to set forth a number of conditions. And needless to say, any conditions would be unacceptable to the international coalition and would not be in compliance with the United Nations Security Council resolution 660's demand for immediate and unconditional withdrawal.

More importantly and more urgently, we learned this morning that Saddam has now launched a scorched-earth policy against Kuwait, anticipating, perhaps, that he will now be forced to leave. He is wantonly setting fire to and destroying the oil wells, the oil tanks, the export terminals, and other installations of that small country. Indeed, they are destroying the entire oil production system of Kuwait. And at the same time that the Moscow press conference was going on and Iraq's foreign minister was talking peace, Saddam Hussein was launching Scud missiles.

After examining the Moscow statement and discussing it with my senior advisers here late last evening and this morning, and after extensive consultation with our coalition partners, I have decided that the time has come to make public with specificity just exactly what is required of Iraq if a ground war is to be avoided.

Most important, the coalition will give Saddam Hussein until noon Saturday to do what he must do, begin his immediate and unconditional withdrawal from Kuwait. We must hear publicly and authoritatively his acceptance of these terms.

The statement to be released, as you will see, does just this, and informs Saddam Hussein that he risks subjecting the Iraqi people to further hardship unless the Iraqi government complies fully with the terms of the statement. We will put the statement out soon. It will be in considerable detail, and that's all I have to say about it right now.

STEPS TO ULTIMATUM

Iraq's peace offer on February 15 was hedged about with conditions. They were:

☐ A full ceasefire.

☐ Abrogation of all UN resolutions concerning Iraq.

☐ Israeli withdrawal from "Palestine".

☐ Security council to guarantee all Iraq's historical rights on land and sea, implying Iraq would continue to claim Kuwait.

☐ Withdrawal of all allied troops from the Gulf within one month.

☐ Overthrow of Kuwait's ruling al-Sabah family.

☐ Allies to pay the entire cost of rebuilding Iraq.

☐ Syria to pull out of Lebanon.

The statement by Iraq's Ruling Revolutionary Council said the conditions aimed "to rob the evil US-Zionist-Atlantic alliance of the opportunity to achieve their premeditated conditions".

Late on Thursday night Iraq dropped some of its conditions when it accepted Moscow's 8-point peace plan. These points were:

☐ Full and unconditional withdrawal from Kuwait.

☐ Withdrawal to begin on second day of ceasefire.

☐ Withdrawal to take place in a fixed time-frame.

☐ After two-thirds pull-out, economic sanctions to cease.

☐ At complete withdrawal, the UN resolutions fall.

☐ After ceasefire all PoWs to be released.

☐ Withdrawal to be monitored by neutral countries.

☐ Other details to be discussed later.

However, earlier in the day Saddam had delivered one of his most defiant broadcasts on Baghdad radio when he said: "The mother of battles will be our battle of victory and martyrdom. They want us to surrender but they will be disappointed."

Moscow said yesterday these points had been superseded by discussions in Moscow with Iraqi foreign minister, Tariq Aziz.

President Bush said at 3.40pm (GMT) yesterday that the Soviet proposals were unacceptable in initial form and demanded Iraq start withdrawing from Kuwait by noon today.

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Amphibious force ready to strike at Iraqi army

By MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

AN AMERICAN marine amphibious force was poised in the Gulf, ready for action should the allies go ahead with a ground offensive. Major-General Henry Jenkins, commander of the amphibious force, said he would try to avoid a direct attack on Iraqi defences on Kuwaiti beaches. He said many Iraqi troops had been moved in to defend the Kuwaiti coast.

General Jenkins outlined options for the amphibious force that included a full-scale landing, limited operations, or even a decoy assault or feint to tie down Iraqi troops on the coast while allied forces launched attacks inland. He said he expected heavy resistance. "The Iraqi army is not down and out. They are hurting, no doubt about that. But I would not count them out," he said.

Yesterday Baghdad suffered its first daylight air bombardment for two weeks. Correspondents in the Iraqi capital said the first explosions from a 45-minute raid echoed across the city shortly after sirens wailed at 10.30am.

Baghdad's 57th military comminqué claimed yesterday that Iraqi forces had repelled a British attack after nearly three hours of fighting. Iraqi troops were said to have destroyed most of the British equipment and forced the soldiers to flee. It did not say where the fighting took place.

British sources in London denied that Britain's 1st Armoured Division had been involved in ground action. There were, however, a number of border incidents. US marines were reported to have launched a "raid" on Iraqi positions across the border from southeast Saudi Arabia.

Allied forces continued yesterday with preparations for a ground offensive despite the new Iraqi peace offer, firing bombs and artillery shells on Iraqi positions. The US command said allied aircraft launched 1,000 sorties on Thursday against targets in southern Iraq and Kuwait.

Brigadier-General Nick Halley, the US artillery commander, said that intense artillery barrages on weak Iraqi defences in southern Iraq, well to the west of Kuwait, had left Iraqi commanders unsure of allied strength immediately across the border. "I think they will wonder if this is a large force out here that is about to make an attack or if this is a diversion or feint.

"They are very confused right now," he said. "They know somebody is here. I don't think they know the exact disposition . . . But even if they knew our exact disposition, there is very little they could do about it. " General Halley said the allies' air supremacy meant that Iraq would be unable to shift its dug-in tank divisions from Kuwait to the allied positions, roughly south of Baghdad and nearly 200 miles west of the emirate, without taking devastating losses. "We would like nothing better than for them to come out of their holes and come across the desert trying to reposition with our tactical air might on top of them," he said.

General Halley said Iraqi commanders were aware that some allied forces had taken up possible attack positions far to the west of Kuwait. He said they were rushing to lay minefields along routes leading north into Iraq.

A Saudi military spokesman said yesterday that Saudi troops had advanced six miles behind the Iraqi front line and cleared a path through a minefield as part of preparations for a ground offensive.

Ground and air attacks increase

From CHRISTOPHER WALKER
IN EASTERN SAUDI ARABIA

THE allies yesterday stepped up ground and air operations against the Iraqi army in Kuwait but senior commanders dismissed claims broadcast by Baghdad radio that the much heralded ground war had already begun.

Officers said that the claim had been based on a British artillery attack along a ten-mile front mounted by a force of 1,600 men, indicating that the Iraqis were out of touch with the reality of the coalition's fire power. "When the land assault does begin, there will be no way that anybody out there will be able to mistake it," an American officer said.

The terrain inside Kuwait is shaking with the continual heavy thump of artillery shells and rockets from multiple launchers as well as the allied bombing campaign. By nightfall yesterday, 1,000 sorties had been flown against targets in the occupied emirate alone, believed to be the highest number directed there in a single 24-hour period. A further 1,700 were flown against targets in Iraq.

It is understood that allied officers have been pressing Washington to start the ground war as they believe they can destroy significant quantities of Iraqi armour and impose a humiliating defeat.

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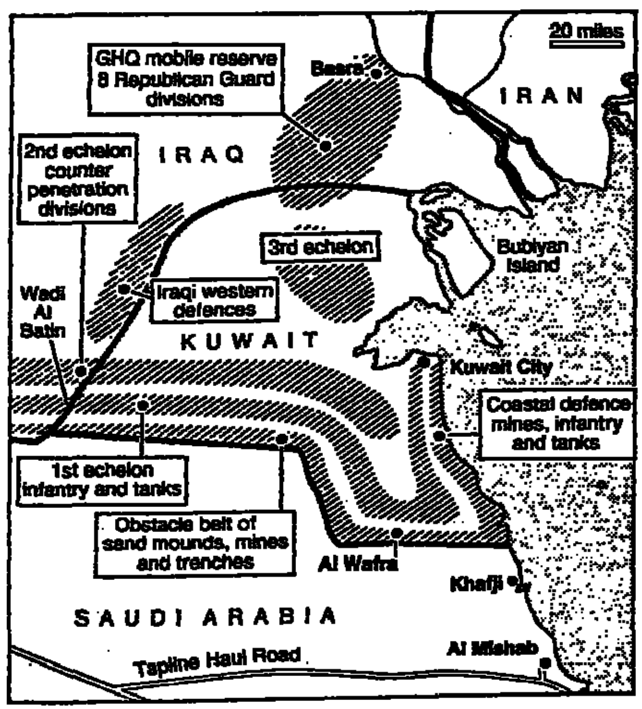
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Obstacle belt of sand mounds, mines and trenches
Al Wafra
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SAUDI ARABIA
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Time out: American soldiers of the 7th Infantry Battalion relaxing in a trench near the front line on the Kuwaiti border with Saudi Arabia yesterday. They were enjoying a "stand down" day, during which they could rest, play basketball and even tuck in to a steak lunch

JORDAN

Husain drops Palestine linkage

From RICHARD BEESTON
IN AMMAN

KING Husain of Jordan yesterday appeared to abandon any notion of linking a solution to the Gulf conflict with the Arab-Israeli question.

Speaking before President Bush's ultimatum to Iraq and Washington's rejection of the Soviet peace proposals, the king appealed to the leaders of the world to consider the interests of their people involved in the conflict. "Too many wounds have been opened. This is a time to begin to heal them. Too many losses have occurred. This is a time to put an end to these losses," he said.

Although he described the Soviet plan as the start of a better future for the Middle East, he appeared to signal a substantial change in Jordan's policy when he was asked about the Arab-Israeli conflict and a solution to the Palestinian question. Most of his subjects are Palestinians. "Let's leave that out of it now," King Husain said, adding that the issue should be addressed on its own merits and not tackled with the Gulf question.

The king, along with the PLO and most Palestinians and Jordanians, actively supported President Saddam Hussein primarily because Iraq was seen as the only Arab force capable of fighting Israel and standing up to the West, and willing to do so. Although Iraq tried to make a solution to the Arab-Israeli dispute a precondition to peace in the Gulf, it appeared to abandon its Palestinian supporters when it accepted the Soviet proposals, which make no mention of their cause. King Husain's remarks signalled acceptance that "linkage" between the two Middle Eastern conflicts has been abandoned, at least for the moment.

In Jordan, Palestinian reaction to Iraq's change of position and King Husain's remarks was one of disappointment concealed beneath a veneer of continued defiance against the West. For the first time in weeks, there were no pro-Iraq demonstrations in Amman after Friday prayers and some Palestinians admitted privately that they were deeply disappointed by what they regarded as the capitulation by Iraq.

Gunners hold key to victory

By JOHN YOUNG

FOR centuries artillery, "the Queen of the Battlefield", has played a decisive role in war and is still widely regarded as the main battle-winning element. Some notable leaders have disagreed to their cost, among them first world war generals who declared that victory would be won by the cavalry.

A common view is that the purpose of an artillery bombardment is to soften up the enemy and to destroy his morale before the infantry assault. But Terry Gander, joint editor of *Jane's Military Logistics*, strongly disagrees, pointing out that today's highly mobile and astonishingly accurate guns are the key element in any land war.

In contrast to the Iraqis, who are equipped with a wide variety of guns, mostly Russian but also from Austria and South Africa, the British and Americans are relying mainly on various versions of the M109, made in America.

The M109 typically has a range of about 12 miles; some of the Soviet-made guns can fire twice as far. But the closer the more accurate, and the allies' guns are not thought to be more than about six or seven miles from the Iraqi lines. As for accuracy, "We're not talking about hitting the middle stump," Mr Gander said. "But the shells can be targeted to within the dimensions of a cricket pitch."

Even in this era of high technology, considerable reliance is placed on the forward observer, in a vehicle or a foxhole, to identify the target and call the range. His advice can, however, be supplemented by aerial photographs, pilotless "drone" aircraft and helicopters.

Information on the precise relative positions of the enemy and the allied guns is then fed into a computer, which supplies instructions to the various fire-control centres. Each battery, comprising between six and eight guns, has its own control centre.

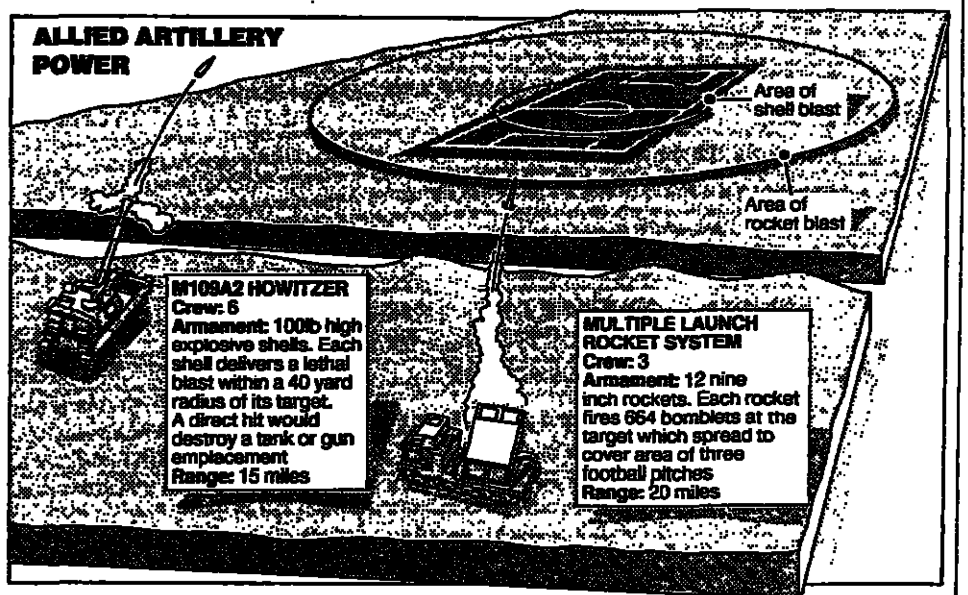
The guns are supplemented by multiple rocket launchers which spray "bomblets" over an area as large as three football pitches (about 300 by 200 yards). They are known as area denial weapons and are primarily intended to force the enemy to take cover.

Although "static" guns towed on trailers are still in use by elements of the military, such as the marines and the airborne division, those employed by the Royal Artillery rely on rapid mobility. Once the gun, or the highly conspicuous rocket launcher, has opened fire, its position is revealed and it is vulnerable to counter-fire unless it moves quickly.

For artillerymen it is a physically demanding task. Each shell, weighing about 100lb, has to be loaded manually into the breech.

Blast and shrapnel from an M109 shell extends over a radius of about 40 yards. Shells can be programmed, by means of time fuses or radio signals, to explode in the air above the target or on impact.

A tank or other armoured vehicle would be destroyed by a direct hit and probably would be disabled by a shell landing in the immediate vicinity. People within the 40-yard radius would almost certainly be killed instantly.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Countdown to land war stopped

From REUTER
IN NORTHERN
SAUDI ARABIA

THE allied countdown to G-Day, the day when the ground war was to start, was apparently stopped when Tariq Aziz, the Iraqi foreign minister, flew to Moscow to discuss the Soviet proposal for withdrawal of Iraqi troops.

Military sources said the allied forces had set a date for the ground war, although US officials denied this earlier in the week. The deadline is only a few days away and frontline units have been told to prepare to move north if Baghdad fails to begin withdrawing.

"All units know when it is going to happen," said a military official. "If he (Saddam Hussein) doesn't pull out, the 'mother of all battles' is about to happen and he is not going to like it."

RAF keeps up the air battle

From LIN JENKINS WITH THE RAF IN THE GULF

THE television set was silenced, turned off for almost the first time since Desert Storm began, as the deafening roar from the runway outside signalled the start of another RAF bombing raid against Iraq's military machine.

Air crews preparing for take-off avoided the distraction of following diplomatic news aimed at peace. Hours earlier the base had become the new target of a Scud missile attack, bringing a sharp reminder that the war was still in progress.

Watching as the stony-faced pilots and navigators walked towards a line of salmon-pink Tornados, Group Captain David Henderson explained that as far as the base was concerned there was a job to be done and it remained as dangerous as ever. No one had forgotten that four Tornados had failed to return from missions. His words were reinforced by ground crews manoeuvring the laser-guided "smart" bombs on to the aircraft.

"We are very much here to fight the air battle as we are directed to. That's what we are continuing to do while all the political moves are going on," the group captain and commander of the largest RAF detatchment in the Gulf, said. "Now that the weather has improved we are making a significant contribution with the targets we are taking out. Each of the coalition aircraft will be attacking high priority targets so we can really pin him down and make sure that his capability is as much reduced as possible."

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Versatile sappers show off skills

From PHILIP JACOBSON
WITH 7TH ARMOURED BRIGADE

ARMY engineers tend as a breed to be more retiring than soldiers in the flashier units, but their presence on the battlefield when the allied assault on Iraqi defences in Kuwait begins will be felt at every level of operations.

Clearing minefields or laying new ones under fire, breaking through obstacles, digging huge pits for Challenger tanks or scraping out a forward air strip is all grist to the mill for the Royal Engineers: they can comfortably claim the title of the most versatile troops in this and any other front line.

In the words of Lieutenant-Colonel John Moore-Bick, who commands 21 Engineer Regiment, "with the sappers you could get three soldiers for the price of one".

Colonel Moore-Bick took time off from the final preparations for war to give us a brisk parade of some of the specialised equipment his men expect to be using. With pride, he explained that each and every soldier under his command was at once a combat engineer, trained infantryman and master of at least one trade for which the army will certainly find a use.

"There are plumbers and electricians, carpenters and sheet-metal workers inside all those uniforms," he declared over coffee and biscuits. "About 80 per cent of our officers are graduates, including our fair share of philosophers, historians and a musician to go with the grittier end of the business."

After a brief ceremony at which Corporal George Fox became the official recipient of the millionth incoming "bluey" airmail letter, we got down to the engineers' craft, beginning with an ingeniously adapted vehicle designed to trip the sophisticated mines which, the allied commanders believe, have been sown in vast numbers along the likely attack routes. To the outsider, it looked like something by Heath Robinson. The idea, one gathered, was to "fool" enemy mines.

Good gritty stuff, but not nearly as dramatic as the demonstration laid on by a young NCO of the human mine-sniffer. Surrounded by examples of what the Iraqi forces have probably planted – innocuous slabs and bars and circular cannisters – he showed us how an experienced operator listens through earphones for the tell-tale humming sound thrown up by the detector with which he sweeps the ground ahead.

This, apparently, remains the most reliable method of all, provided that what Colonel Moore-Bick called the "three Cs" are present: courage, consistency and concentration.

At the other end of the scale, it will probably become 21 Regiment's task to deposit "instant" defensive minefields after any breakthrough by the allied forces. They have plenty of practice in this area from Nato exercises, when the imaginary foe was the Soviet Union, and reckon to carpet an 800-yard stretch of terrain within a few hours.

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Bartering armies turn desert into expensive bazaar

From CHRISTOPHER WALKER
IN EASTERN SAUDI ARABIA

THE Saudi desert has been transformed into a cross between a gigantic swap shop and an overpriced Arab bazaar as a result of the influx of 600,000 foreign troops poised for an attack on Kuwait.

Bartering has often been the main point of contact between soldiers of different allied armies. In this war, American camp beds, British jungle-style combat jackets and French field rations are the most sought-after items. Each box of French rations comes with soup stock, tinned cheese and fuel tablets for cooking. There have even been reports of some American units willing to trade weaponry for an adequate supply.

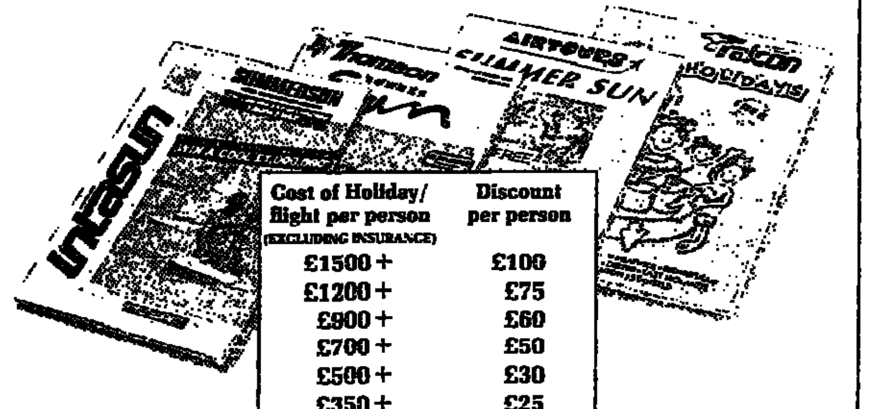
For once, the Americans are at a disadvantage because nobody wants to barter for their despised rations, known officially as Meals Ready to Eat (MREs). "The French told us they would not serve MREs even to their prisoners of war," said Chris Jusiewicz, an American soldier from Massachusetts.

An American sergeant near the front line said: "Sometimes it goes too far and gets into the illegal stuff, but a lot of it is just the pleasure of trading." The swapping includes anything from camouflage nets to "alice packs", the rucksack covers used to keep sand out of weapons. British Desert Rat paraphernalia has proved a favourite among the French and American troops, but large quantities have to be exchanged for just one American army-issue aluminium and canvas fold-up bed. British chemical protection gear is much favoured by the Americans, but rarely is there enough spare for exchanges. Some of the highest value trading commodities in such a strictly Islamic nation are smuggled pornographic magazines and alcohol, which is occasionally sent in aftershave bottles by relatives. One enterprising British soldier is reputed to have brought in more than 300 magazines in his Challenger tank from Germany.

The good humour which marks most of the swapping is not matched along the main northern highway where Arab shopkeepers have doubled and tripled prices of popular items as American troops have moved closer to the front. Foam mattresses that sold for $3 (£1.50) a month ago now sell for $12. A carton of foreign cigarettes has more than doubled to $15 and a box of 24 chocolate bars has increased from $6 to $15. The increases have infuriated many soldiers and strained relations with the Arabs. "They have no morals to do this," complained Private Elizabeth Sandels at one of the stalls which have mushroomed around the scattered petrol stations along the desert highway. "We put ourselves on the line; all they can think about is making money," she said.

In the small border town of al-Sadwi, Specialist Julian Edwards, from the Bronx, said: "These places are just ripping us off. I hate every one of these people. We come here to help out, and all they want is our money."

Arab shopkeepers have been amazed to find buyers willing to pay the asking price rather than haggle. "Some of these Americans seem as though they have never been abroad before," said the owner of a souvenir shop in the port of al-Jubail, the main allied logistics centre.



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British Steel to cut 1,100 more jobs at Ravenscraig

By Kerry Gill

BRITISH Steel yesterday announced that another 1,100 jobs were to be axed at the Ravenscraig steel complex in Scotland only a week after the closure of the plant's strip mill with the loss of 770 jobs.

The company's decision to close down one of the two blast furnaces for good was received with surprise and disappointment. It was generally accepted that this latest blow would herald the end of steel production in Scotland within the year.

British Steel said it had decided to operate only one furnace because of increasingly difficult trading conditions. "Operations at Ravenscraig were reduced from two blast furnaces to one earlier this month. The intention had been to review the situation at the end of March. However, against a background of continuing decline in demand and weak prices for strip steel products in the UK and international markets, the review has been brought forward."

It said that the 1,100 posts would be shed by July, mostly from the ironmaking department which contains the furnace. The general steels division, on Teesside, will supply steel for the Dalzell plate mill at Motherwell by August, apart from a limited tonnage from Ravenscraig.

George Quinn, craft union convener, said: "This most certainly is the end of Ravenscraig. We have been saying for some years, since the closure of Gartcosh, that it is their intention to fully commit themselves to close Ravenscraig, but we did not expect the announcement as early as this. The decision comes as no surprise, it is only the timing that surprises us."

Donald Dewar, Labour's Scottish spokesman, said: "I am very sad and very angry. This just confirms what we know, that British Steel are determined on their course of closure and, I fear, have written off Ravenscraig."

Iain Lawson, for the Scottish National Party, said: "It is just genocide on a massive scale. How the government can sit back and let a company act like this is an absolute disgrace. Any hopes that there is a prospect for the steel industry in Scotland are on the line now and the government must force a sell-off."

Many workers leaving the plant yesterday seemed numbed by the latest cut, which brings job losses in the steel industry to 3,000 since November. More than 13,000 people were employed in the Lanarkshire steel complex 14 years ago. Only 1,200 people will be employed in the industry from mid-summer.

David Whyte, aged 27, said he had worked at Ravenscraig for six years. "British Steel want to get shot of the 'Craig and that is what they will do. I give the plant a year," he said. A publican, whose bar is only yards from the main gate, said the plant was doomed and so was his business.

Ian Livingstone, chairman of the Lanarkshire Development Agency, said: "The government is going to have to come in and give us real support. We simply cannot rebuild an economy all on our own. The government must treat Lanarkshire as a major disaster area." He said the loss of Ravenscraig could put up to 15,500 people out of work because of the knock-on effect.

Ian Lang, the Scottish secretary, said British Steel's decision, while predicted, was "most unwelcome, but I understand that increasingly difficult market conditions led the company to this decision, which has been taken on commercial considerations".

Steel under pressure, page 34

Border talks: John Major taking to Private Ian Anderson of the Black Watch, on duty at an observation post on the south Armagh border yesterday

Major breaks Ulster factory visit to phone Bush on Gulf

By Edward Gorman, Irish Affairs Correspondent

JOHN Major, the prime minister, broke off a tour of a small factory yesterday during his first official visit to Northern Ireland to telephone President Bush from the factory manager's office.

After briefly meeting staff at the Typerite typewriter ribbon plant on the shores of Carlingford Lough, the prime minister spent several minutes on the telephone in an upstairs office in conversation with the president on the allied response to President Gorbachev's Gulf peace plan.

Throughout Mr Major's visit to Northern Ireland, cut short by events in Moscow, Washington and the Gulf, and during which he also met soldiers and police, the prime minister seemed relaxed and businesslike.

Speaking earlier on the steps of Stormont Castle, Mr Major said that the mortar attack on Downing Street and the recent bombings of Victoria and Paddington stations in London had not altered his view. "I thought the IRA were contemptible before [the attacks], and I still do."

He said that his government would not be influenced in any way by the IRA's activities. "They have been trying for a very great deal of time to bully us and push us around with terrorist acts of outrage," he said. "They really ought to have learnt — they are very slow learners — they really ought to know, after all this time, that we aren't going to be pushed around by terrorist acts."

He added that terrorism and violence were counterproductive. "They're not going to gain anything for the IRA, absolutely nothing whatsoever. They gain them no public support, and they gain them no political advance," he said.

The prime minister was accompanied by Peter Brooke, the Northern Ireland secretary, who is continuing his painstaking efforts at securing political progress in Northern Ireland despite the widely shared view that his initiative has all but run out of steam. Mr Major gave his full support to Mr Brooke's efforts, saying he very much hoped they would be successful and that common sense dictated that they should be so.

Yesterday's visit came as Sinn Fein officials were reported as describing as a catastrophe the death of David Corner, the civil servant killed at Victoria station, and the injuries to more than 30 civilians in the IRA explosion. Mitchell McLaughlin, Sinn Fein's chairman in Northern Ireland, was quoted in the *Irish News* as saying: "I think that when a civilian gets killed in any circumstances of Republican activity, that it is catastrophic ... no ifs, buts or ands.

"There is no way you can shift the blame for that on to anybody else even if warnings were ignored. My view is that it is a tragedy for the families involved; it is a tragedy for the Republican struggle and it provides opportunity for diversion and fudging of the issues."

● Mr Major's impromptu telephone conversation with Mr Bush could hardly have been more secure (Our Technology Correspondent writes). By picking a handset at random it is unlikely that any unauthorised individual could have planned or set up a phone tap quickly enough.

Secure telephone links between Downing Street and the White House exist, as does technology to forward calls from one phone to another. It is possible that Mr Major gained access to the secure transatlantic link using a coded number.

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Export of £2.5m jewel delayed

A request for an export licence for the Middleham Jewel, a gold and sapphire pendant linked with Richard III that was found by amateur treasure hunters, has been deferred by the government to give British buyers the chance to raise £2.5 million to keep it in this country (Peter Davenport writes).

Potential purchasers have until April 17 to declare an interest in buying the jewel which was found in 1985 in a field near Middleham castle, North Yorkshire. The finders were declared the owners and it sold at auction for £1.4 million three years ago. The new value has been set on the advice of experts.

Ronson freed

Gerald Ronson was released from jail yesterday after serving half of the 12-month sentence for his role in the illegal share support operation which allowed Guinness to win its take-over battle for Distillers. He left Ford open prison near Arundel, West Sussex, soon after midnight to avoid journalists. Mr Ronson, aged 51, head of the Heron group, who was also fined a record £5 million, earned full remission.

Bite damages

Terence Yarwood, a postman, was awarded £7,250 damages at the High Court in London yesterday against the owner of an alsatian dog which bit him as he delivered mail in June 1987. Mr Yarwood, aged 27, of Shefford, Bedfordshire, who was bitten on the scrotum and had a small puncture wound to his penis requiring stitches, said his sex life had suffered and that he now had a fear of dogs.

Killer jailed

Geoffrey Massey, aged 38, a British sergeant with the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers at Detmold, was convicted by a military tribunal at Herford, Germany, yesterday of killing two forestry workers and sentenced to life imprisonment on both charges. He also pleaded guilty to kidnapping and unlawfully imprisoning Captain Tracy Clark, a British doctor stationed at Bielefeld.

CORRECTION

No Smoking day this year is to be March 13, not March 10 as stated in Thursday's paper.

Churches end help for jobless

By Tim Jones
Employment Correspondent

AN UMBRELLA body for church-sponsored organisations providing training for the unemployed yesterday blamed government cuts for its decision to close.

The Rev. Andrew O'Connor, chairman of Churches Training for Employment (CTE), said that the government's decision to cut more than £300 million from its Employment Training scheme to help the long-term unemployed, was the last straw.

Membership of CTE which concentrated on helping disadvantaged people, has shrunk from 50 to 20 employment training providers since it was started in September 1981, and more are expected to close in the next few months because of the cuts.

Mr O'Connor said: "We are sad and disgusted at the way disadvantaged and disabled people are being consigned to the scrap-heap. For the first time in 15 years, there is no longer a national training or temporary work programme for all long-term unemployed adults."

He added: "People who have special needs are not going to be trained by training and enterprise councils because the funding for them is increasingly dependent on people gaining qualifications. Those who may take a long time to gain a qualification will not be trained, so that disadvantaged people will become further marginalised."

Bank union leaders last night reacted with caution to a pay offer from Barclays Bank which would give its 75,000 non-managerial staff a 7.5 pay rise from March 1 after a one-month salary freeze. The bank said staff would receive a further 1.5 per cent from August.

Members of the Banking Insurance and Finance Union and the Barclays Group Staff Union said that the offer meant a drop in real terms because it was below the rate of inflation. The union has dismissed as scaremongering warnings that up to 17,000 jobs at the bank will go in the next five years and is asking for 14 per cent.

● The Press Association, the national news agency, told staff this week that some 75 jobs would be cut over the next few months to save more than £1 million.

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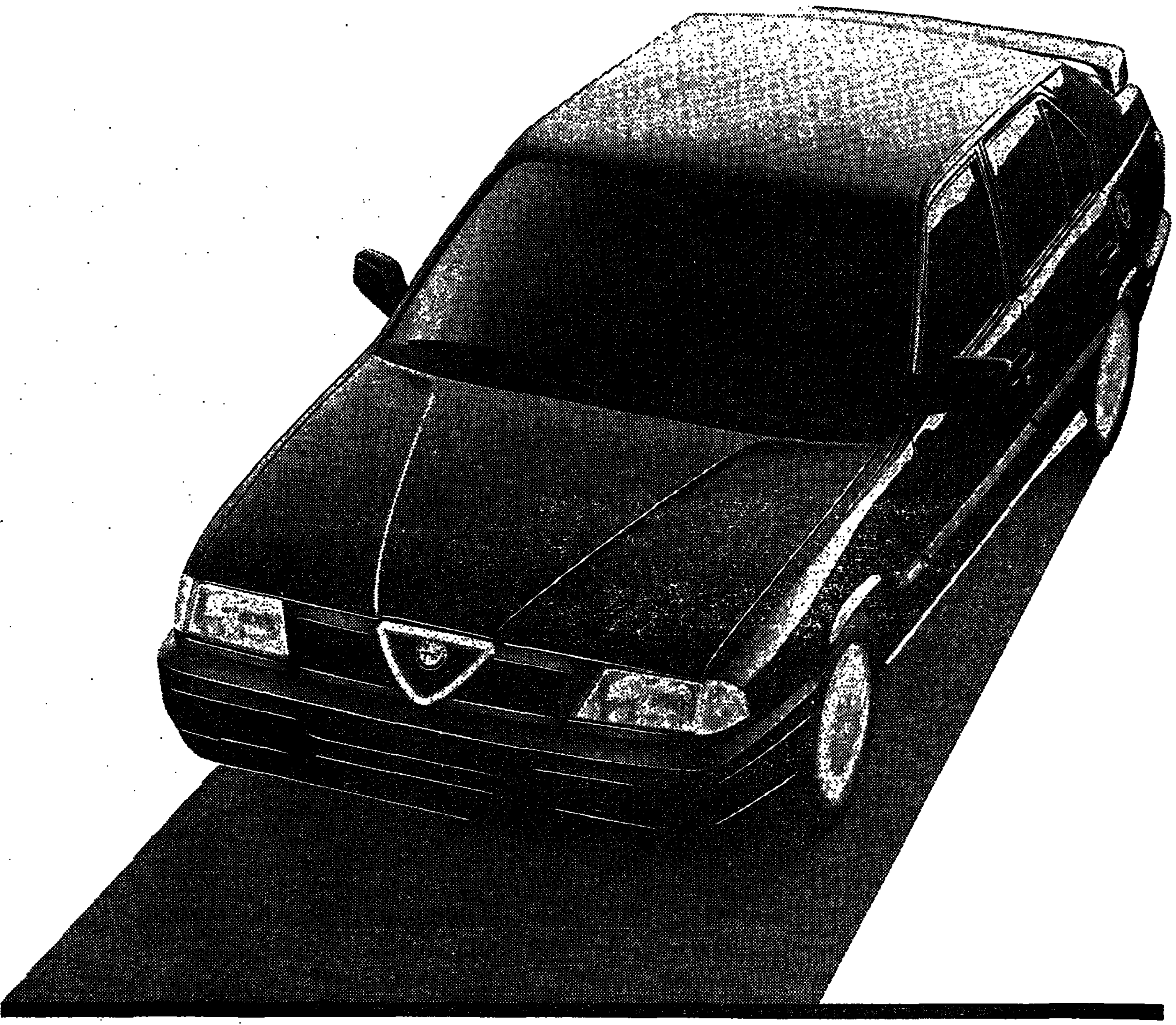

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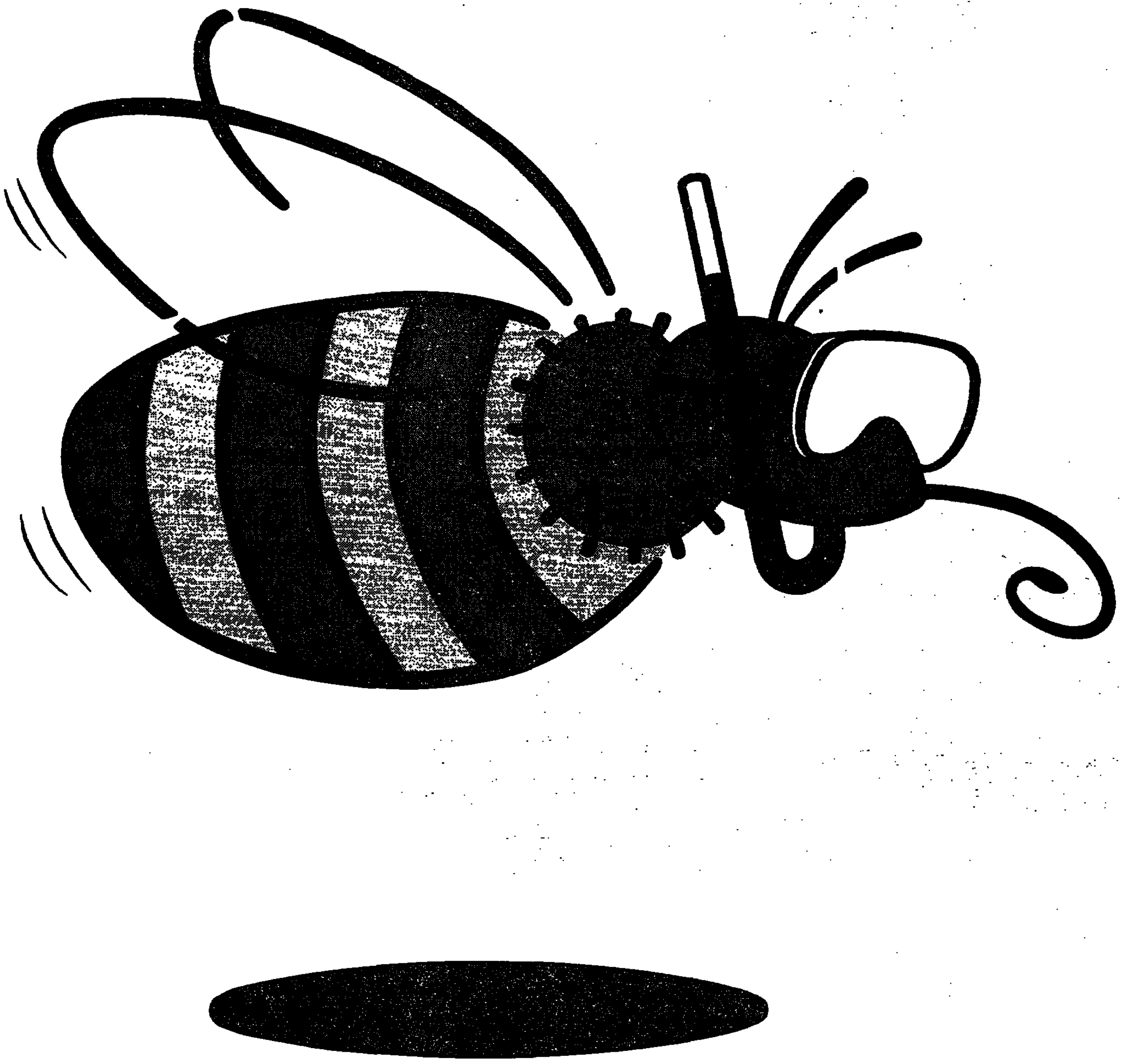

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University's £4½m deficit is blamed on a lack of control

By JOHN O'LEARY, HIGHER EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

A BREAKDOWN in financial control allowed Bristol university to amass a deficit of £4.4 million before overspending was contained, a committee of enquiry reported yesterday.

The deficit was the largest of any university for the financial year 1989-90 and its extent was recognised by officials only shortly before auditors made their report in November. The university's finance committee had been told four months earlier to expect a deficit of £245,000.

Departments were allowed to spend money that had not been transferred to their accounts, overspending of £428,000 on salaries was not discovered for a year, and 15 departments submitted deficit budgets. The university's financial management has been severely criticised by Sir Peter Swinnerton-Dyer, chief executive of the Universities Funding Council.

A staffing freeze has been in operation since November, when the vice-chancellor, Sir John Kingman, also told departments to recall all possible orders for new equipment. The university is now aiming to save £2.4 million by the end of this academic year.

The finance office has been restructured since the discovery of the deficit, two senior officials taking early retirement. Sir John said yesterday that he had considered resigning but decided that this would not be in the best interests of the university. "I have responsibility for everything that happens at the university, so in particular I have responsibility for what went wrong with the finances. That has to be discharged by taking all the steps necessary to correct the position."

Sir John was a member of the committee of enquiry, which reported to the Bristol university council yesterday, but took no part in discussions on his own role in the affair.

The committee found no evidence of wrong-doing, but said that long-term weaknesses had been exposed in the way the university ran its affairs. The committee criticised the university for spending too little on its finance office and sending confused messages to departments, which were responsible for their budgets for the first time.

Some miscalculation had been associated with the introduction of a computerised accounting system. An unexpectedly large pay rise, not covered by government grant, also added to the financial problems. The council accepted a series of recommendations for better systems of financial control and reporting, fresh procedures for agreeing departmental budgets, the abandonment of notional salaries in working out staff costs, and the establishment of an audit committee. Four posts, costing £75,000, will be added to the finance office.

Bristol is aiming to recover its overspending on equipment within two years and has set a longer-term target of saving £6 million. A commitment to spend £200,000 on restructuring secretarial and clerical salaries is to be honoured, and a £20 million development plan is going ahead. A social sciences building will open in autumn. Sir John said: "The next few months will be uncomfortable for everyone in the university but we have grounds for optimism amid the gloom."

DENZIL McNEELANCE

Aiming for the skies: Helen Sharman, who is to be the first Briton in space, and Timothy Mace, her reserve, holding a model of the rocket in which she will travel. Miss Sharman, aged 27, a confectionery technologist from Surbiton, south-west London, was yesterday named as first choice for the Anglo-Soviet venture to the Soviet Union's Mir space station in May (Nick Nuttall writes). Miss Sharman, who graduated in chemistry at Sheffield university, said that she was not frightened by the prospect of her journey. Creature comforts will, however, be limited. Hair brushes are provided on the space station but Miss Sharman said she would have to take her own moisturiser. There would be dried food, including bread and cheese, on the Soyuz flight to the station but a porridge-like dish was the staple food on board, she said. Miss Sharman and Major Mace, aged 35, of the Army Air Corps, from Weyhill, Hampshire, have been in training for 16 months.

Lecturers say squeeze hinders classics study

UNIVERSITY English lecturers issued a warning yesterday that a squeeze on school timetables under the national curriculum may deny pupils access to classic works and encourage many to drop literature courses (John O'Leary writes).

The Council for University English said that the time available for the subject under the curriculum had been cut from 12.5 per cent of the school week to 10 per cent. More than 100 of its members attended a conference in London, entitled English under Pressure, to explore concerns about the curriculum for all age groups.

Brian Cox, professor of English at Manchester university, whose recommendations formed the basis of the curriculum in English, reassured critics of the new syllabuses that pre-20th century literature would not disappear from schools. The study of Shakespeare would remain compulsory, as would texts from the Bible, the poems of Wordsworth and the novels of Jane Austen.

Patrick Parrinder, professor of English at Reading university, said: "The aims of the national curriculum are absolutely right, but there is a real question about whether it will be delivered. We are concerned that the number of students taking English literature might drop dramatically."

IRA guns linked to wave of killings

From MARK FULLER
IN ROERMOND,
THE NETHERLANDS

WEAPONS and explosives found at the arrest of one of four IRA suspects standing trial in The Netherlands have been linked to a string of IRA attacks in Europe.

Weapons used in the IRA's murder last year of two Australian lawyers in Roermond were also used in two attacks on British servicemen in Germany a year earlier, a Dutch court was told yesterday.

Forensic evidence compiled by the Dutch, German and Belgian authorities was presented to court on the third day of the trial of the four people accused of the Roermond killings.

Ballistic reports show that a Kalashnikov assault rifle and a Sturm Ruger hand gun used in the Roermond killings were used to murder a British corporal and his baby in Wildenrath on October 26, 1989 and in the shooting of two off-duty British soldiers in Munster on September 1, 1989. A Webley hand gun found in an arms cache at the arrest of Donna Maguire in Belgium. was also used in the Munster attack.

In a second arms cache near the scene, police found 800kg of Semtex explosive and a Semtex bomb which corresponded to those used in IRA attacks against British targets in the Netherlands and Germany in 1988 and 1989.

Donna Maguire, aged 25, Paul Hughes, 27, both from Newry, Gerard Harte, 27 from Lurgan, and Sean Hick, 30, from Dublin, have been charged with murder and/or complicity to murder and belonging to an illegal organisation, the IRA. They have denied the charges.

Authority on flying aces sentenced for stealing documents

By MICHAEL HORSNELL

AN AUTHORITY on world war flying aces who stripped the Public Record Office of 15,000 unique historical documents, often using a Stanley knife to fuel his obsession, received a suspended prison sentence yesterday.

The operational papers of Douglas Bader, blueprints for the Sopwith Camel biplane and the air combat record of the Holywood star Douglas Fairbanks junior were among his £3,800,000 haul in the greatest theft of documents ever at the PRO.

Timothy Bernard Graves, aged 39, a civil supply officer with the Royal Fleet Auxiliary at Devonport, pleaded guilty at Middlesex Guildhall crown court to eight specimen charges of theft, two of criminal damage to property and two of obtaining property by deception from July 1984 to September 1990.

Graves, of Briarwood, Liskeard, Cornwall, who is an authority on Manfred von Richthofen, the Red Baron, and a television expert, received 15 months suspended for two years and was ordered to pay £5,000 compensation.

The court was told that between 4,000 and 5,000 combat reports and flight papers were still missing. The PRO's investigation into the thefts had cost £20,000 and 1,700 man hours.

Stephen Kramer, for the prosecution, said that Graves had started collecting documents as a sideline but it developed into an obsession, particularly with the papers and memorabilia of the aces. He had written about a dozen books which he produced on a photocopier and circulated in specialist aviation circles. The offences came to light last year when one of the stolen documents he had swapped was innocently offered for sale at Sotheby's.

Arrested on his ship at Devonport, Graves showed detectives seven boxes of files at his house. He said that he had sold three sets, one to someone at Princeton University for £600.

Det Con Stephen Engell said that Graves, who had appeared as an aviation expert on BBC2's *Timewatch*, was so fanatical that his vision had become clouded.

Basil Hillman, for Graves, told the court his interest in the world wars had been stimulated by talking to grandparents who had fought in them and by visits to battlegrounds in Belgium and France.

The Public Record Office said last night: "We have reviewed our security procedures. They have been tightened up in various ways."

Aids programme complaint dismissed as witch hunt

By MELINDA WITTSTOCK, MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

A COMPLAINT against a Channel 4 edition of *Dispatches* that challenged the widely accepted scientific view that the HIV virus causes Aids was a witch hunt intended to push minority voices out of broadcasting, the producer of the programme said yesterday.

Joan Shenton, whose programme *The Aids Catch* was transmitted last June, also said that the Broadcasting Complaints Commission, which will rule on the complaint at a closed hearing on March 14, was acting outside its jurisdiction by trying to decide the outcome of a scientific debate on the links between HIV and Aids.

The commission, which will consider whether the programme was unfair to the subject of Aids, said that the issue was more to do with balance. The commission is empowered to uphold complaints against broadcasters if programme material was selected or arranged unfairly.

Miss Shenton said: "There have been over 200 hours of programmes putting the theory that HIV leads to Aids. This was just one programme presenting another view."

The Terence Higgins Trust, which lodged the complaint with Positively Women and the HIV campaign group Frontliners, said the programme was irresponsible and would endanger lives by suggesting that the HIV virus was not infectious and did not lead to Aids. Wellcome, the drug company which makes AZT, which is used to treat people who are HIV positive, is making a separate complaint.

The programme, which was also criticised by the health department for its "sensational and unbalanced tone", put forward the views of Peter Duesberg, an American molecular biologist who made the first "genetic map" used to understand HIV. He argued that behaviour such as drug abuse, homosexuality and poor eating habits, not HIV, was the real cause of Aids.

Naomi Wayne, chief executive of the Terence Higgins Trust, said that the programme was inaccurate and dishonest and she was worried that people who saw it might have been misled into thinking that they did not need to practise safe sex.

She said, however, that it was the trust which was being irresponsible, lulling people into a false sense of security by arguing that safe sex was enough to protect people from Aids. "If HIV is not the cause of Aids, then there are other causes we should be addressing, not simply telling people safe sex is enough to protect them."

The commission is expected to make public its adjudication. The Independent Television Commission, whose predecessor the IBA cleared the programme, said it would wait for the commission's ruling to see whether it constituted a regulatory clash.

Jail term halved for seller of tin shares

FRED TRULL, who sold £1 shares in a Cornish tin mine to people hoping to avoid the poll tax, had his six-months jail sentence halved and suspended for two years yesterday (Ray Clancy writes).

Mr Trull, aged 66, of Lostwithiel, clerk of the ancient Stannary parliament, was jailed for contempt of court last October after he failed to appear for a hearing. The sentence was temporarily suspended when he agreed to help the investigation into the scheme and yesterday he asked for the matter to be discharged in the High Court.

However, Mr Justice Warner agreed only to cut the sentence and suspend it on condition that Mr Trull helps the trade and industry department in its attempt to recover up to £1.25 million invested by the public.

- Mark Stray, aged 25, of Grantham, Lincolnshire, was jailed for 21 days yesterday for refusing to pay his poll tax. When magistrates asked why he had not paid, he replied: "Why should I?"

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Amis and a touch of malice

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Kingsley Amis, from the first extract of Memoirs, in The Sunday Times tomorrow

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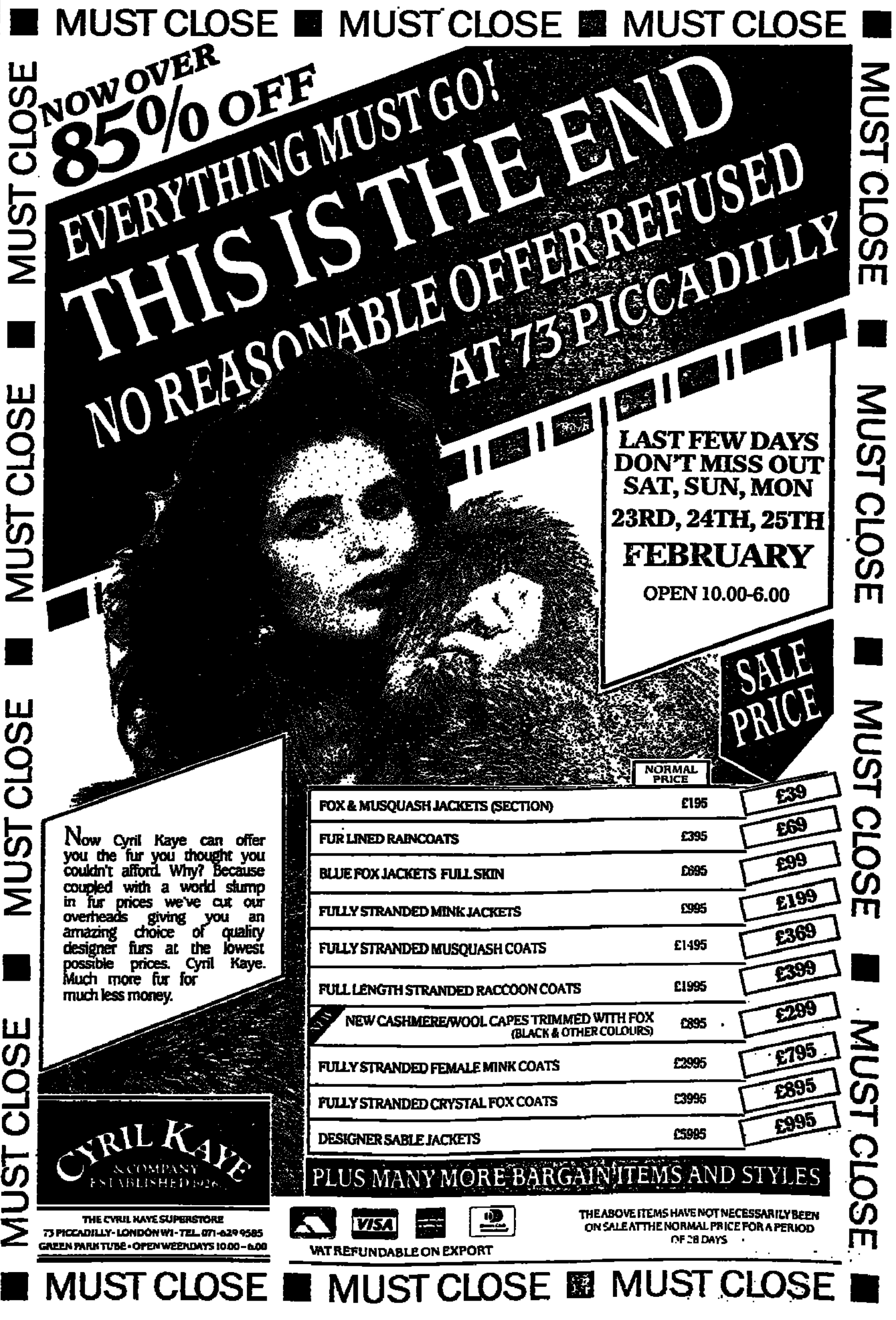

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Baker ready to end jail slopping out a year early

By QUENTIN COWDRY, HOME AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

MINISTERS have accepted the necessity of introducing a package of prison reforms, including the bringing forward of plans to end "slopping out" in English and Welsh jails, because of public disquiet about penal conditions.

Reforms designed to be implemented at the earliest opportunity will be announced on Monday by Kenneth Baker, the home secretary, simultaneously with the publication of thehighly critical Woolf report into the jail system.

The measures will include a commitment finally to end slopping out by 1996, about a year sooner than is envisaged. More telephones will be installed in jails for prisoners' use, censorship of mail will be eased and meal-times rescheduled to avoid long breaks between tea and breakfast. None of the proposals will require legislation.

Monday's announcement is designed to be an earnest of the government's intentions, rather than its final word on the 800-page Woolf report. A further set of reforms will be unveiled in a white paper before summer.

Mr Baker regards the promise to accelerate the integral sanitation programme as particularly significant. The fact that thousands of inmates still have to urinate or defecate in buckets in their cells is, he believes, abhorrent in a civilised society. Nearly 18,000 prisoners, 40 per cent of the total, still have to slop out.

Ministers also believe that mail censorship rules are unnecessarily restrictive and that, by installing more payphones for inmates, the Home Office can indicate immediately that it accepts the need for prisoners' links with their families to be bolstered — a key recommendation of the Woolf report, delivered to ministers three weeks ago.

Lord Justice Woolf, charged with investigating the prison system after last spring's jail riots, has made a dozen firm proposals. If implemented fully, they would transform the prison system, dramatically increasing work, leisure and educational opportunities for inmates, improving staff-inmate relationships and making prison disciplinary procedures fairer.

One of the most important recommendations is that the prison estate should be extensively reorganised so that most inmates could serve all their sentences near to their homes. The report also calls for more involvement of prison officers in rehabilitative work with inmates and higher staffing levels at weekends.

Penal reformers, mildly disappointed about what they consider is the over-diplomatic phrasing of some sections of the report, believe it contains potentially the most beneficial analysis of Britain's prisons to appear since the second world war.

Stephen Shaw, director of the Prison Reform Trust, said last night: "This report the government cannot ignore. It presents the opportunity of bringing our prisons into line with the better penal systems in Europe."

Grandmother's visit: Peter Phillips, aged 13, the son of the Princess Royal and Captain Mark Phillips, escorting the Queen around Port Regis school, near Shaftesbury, Dorset, yesterday. His sister Zara, aged nine, took part in a gymnastics display when the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh visited their school. The Queen was officially opening Queen's Hall, which houses a gym

Crime victims' charter fails test

GOVERNMENT guidelines which aim to encourage courts and the police to pay more heed to victims of crime are being flouted, the charity Victim Support said yesterday (Quentin Cowdry writes).

A survey of 17 of the charity's volunteer groups showed numerous cases of victims being exposed to extra suffering and, in some cases, physical assault because of the negligence or insensitivity of police officers, lawyers and court officials.

Last February the Home Office published a "victim's charter" to help sensitise the police and other criminal justice agencies to the needs of victims of crime, particularly violent crime. According to the charity, the guidelines are being observed only patchily.

For example, while police in some areas now regularly brief victims on the progress of investigations involving them, the charity continues to hear cases of assault victims who have learnt that their attackers have been bailed only when they have spotted them in the street. Court officials still do not always give adequate notice of hearings or provide victims with separate waiting areas. "One court is known as the 'bear garden' because of the number of attacks on victims and prosecution witnesses in the waiting area," the survey says.

Hoteliers believe only a miracle can save them from summer disaster

The tourism trade in Britain is fighting hard to beat the recession but now fears the worst, its leaders tell **Harvey Elliott**

BRITAIN's £22 billion-a-year tourist industry needs an economic recovery of almost miraculous proportions and a speedy end to the Gulf war to avoid calamity this summer, according to many of its leaders.

The areas on the foreign tourists' "milk run", such as London, Stratford, York and Chester, are preparing for the loss of up to 25 per cent of their visitors. "We are trying to reallocate resources to concentrate on the home market," Alan Courtney, of the Stratford Marketing Group, said. "We shall be stressing that the M40 is now open, making the whole area much more accessible."

Thousands of hotel staff have been laid off around the country and many hoteliers are clinging on in the hope of an upsurge in trade within the next few months. Pub landlords are reducing beer prices and opening the minimum hours possible.

The West Country, although affected like every other part of Britain, does have some hopes for the future and is planning a fierce advertising and marketing campaign to woo British visitors when the war ends.

"We have 25 per cent of England's bed stock and therefore feel the effects of any change in the market first," Ron Morrison-Smith, director of the West Country Tourist Board, said.

"Although there has been an increase in the number of enquiries, actual bookings are well down. The combined effect of the war and high mortgage rates has made people button up their wallets and wait to see what is going to happen before deciding on taking a holiday."

Resorts in Cornwall and Devon are clinging to the hope that millions of families will turn their backs on foreign holidays this year and remain in Britain instead. If they do not and a sizeable proportion of the West Country's 18 million visitors a year do not come, shops, restaurants and entertainment centres as well as hotels will feel the draught.

"Under our very best scenario the war would end now, there would be a drop of several points in the interest rates and the Tories would do well in the local elections," Mr Morrison-Smith said.

Only three years ago, hotels, especially high-quality country house properties, were at a premium as dozens of small companies attempted to cash in on what was then a booming trade. Many borrowed heavily and then found interest rates soaring and income dwindling.

"The price of many middle-range hotels on the market has dropped by 50 per cent and at the top end of the market by between 30 and 40 per cent in the last 12 months," Bruce Williamson, head of the hotels and leisure division of Druce estate agents, said. In the first nine months of last year the number of insolvencies in the hotel and catering industry had risen by 270 per cent compared with 1989. However, the market had bottomed out and there were many good buys available. Hotels on his books included the Scandic Crown in Victoria, London, a prime tourist area.

Those hoteliers who have survived are now able to pick up furniture cheaply and get work done at a much lower cost.

"I feel sorry for those who came into the industry over the last few years thinking it was going to be easy to make profits and that the value of their properties would continue to rise," Peter Herbert, who owns Gravetye Manor in Sussex, said. "We have been around for more than 30 years so do not have borrowings. But our business in December was 11 per cent down and since the Gulf war began it has slumped to 20 per cent below last year's levels.

"As it is we have been able to start work on an extension by getting building work done at very competitive prices and also bought antiques at half the price they were a year ago. We are not getting the bookings we normally do at this time of the year from America but we hope that the summer will be good because of an increase in the domestic market."

Although some hotels are cutting prices in an attempt to woo back guests others cannot afford to do so or prefer to "tough it out".

For sale: the Scandic Crown hotel in London

"We do not believe in cutting prices," Nigel Embray, of the Best Western Group, which represents 197 individually owned hotels in Britain, said. "Americans who are not travelling are not going to be tempted to come just because the price of a room has dropped a bit. Many people have invested heavily to bring their hotels up to the highest standards and now these are being hardest hit. They will, however, attract people through those higher standards and that is what we are aiming at."

The British Tourist Authority is putting a brave face on the problem. "A big opportunity exists in the domestic market," William Davis, its chairman, said. "We have had two warm summers and there have been considerable improvements in the quality of holiday experience available in Britain. I believe that there will be a definite upswing in domestic holidays this year."

Thousands of hoteliers, restaurateurs, shop-keepers and tradesmen who rely on tourism hope that he is right.

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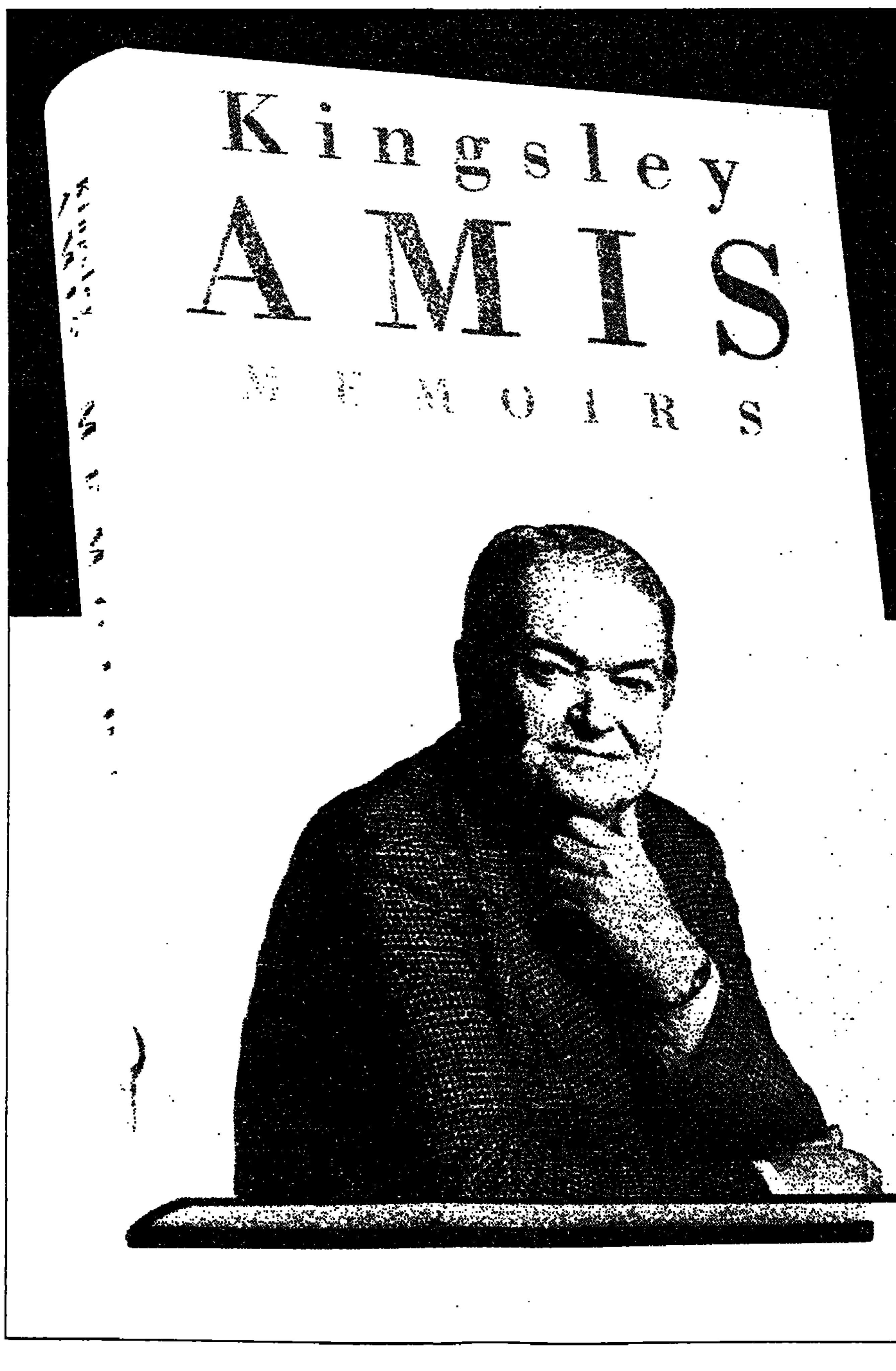
Weekend bargains

REMARKABLE bargains are on offer this weekend in some top hotels, especially for those who are prepared to haggle on the telephone (William Cash writes).

The Hilton National in Bath, which has a swimming pool and leisure complex, is offering double rooms with breakfast at a standby rate of £18 per person, the price of a full English breakfast at the London Connaught. Rooms at the Tudor Chester Grosvenor are normally £155 to £175. A little telephone bargaining, however, reduced the price to £35 per person for each night.

At Stratford-upon-Avon, Billesley Manor, set in 11 acres, is offering weekend breaks with dinner at £72 a night per person, half the standard daily rate. Meanwhile, for those preferring sea air, The Carlton hotel in Bournemouth is offering an extra free night to those who stay for a weekend. For £60 a day, guests receive champagne on arrival and a five-course dinner each night.



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Kinnock says Tories will rue day they lost Thatcher

By Nicholas Wood, political correspondent

THE Conservatives will come to rue the day they replaced Margaret Thatcher with John Major, Neil Kinnock argued yesterday in a move clearly aimed at denting the recovery in Tory fortunes since November's leadership contest.

The Labour leader's remarks were a reversal of his party's public posture in the weeks before Mrs Thatcher's fall when she was labelled an electoral liability. They also fly in the face of opinion poll findings which suggest that Mr Major has given a significant lift to Tory support.

Mr Kinnock sought to undermine Tory self-confidence while campaigning in Clitheroe, in Lancashire, during the Ribble Valley by-election where Nigel Evans, the Conservative candidate, is defending a majority of 19,528.

Mr Kinnock said that Mrs Thatcher's overthrow had robbed the Conservatives of an electoral asset. "What everybody forgets about Mrs Thatcher is that come election time Mrs Thatcher, for a number of reasons that I don't approve of but have to recognise, was an electoral asset."

Mr Kinnock added that he did not think that once the Gulf war was over and domestic political concerns reasserted themselves the prime minister would have the same "pulling power" as his predecessor. "The odd sip of beverage I had at the time she went was genuine celebration. Mr Major is easier to fight and beat than Mrs Thatcher."

Many Tory MPs will dismiss the Labour leader's assessment as no more than a fairly crude attempt to sow division in their ranks. However, a minority, described yesterday by Mr Kinnock as Mrs Thatcher's palace guard, privately share his opinion.

The Labour leader's comments came as the first opinion poll in the constituency since campaigning began showed Labour in second place, 19 points behind the Tories but 11.5 points ahead of the Liberal Democrats. The poll by college students for the *Lancashire Evening Telegraph* will be treated with some scepticism by by-election campaigners.

Mr Kinnock also attacked the government's plan to replace the poll tax with a property tax adjusted for the number of occupants in a house. "The party that gave you the poll tax to replace the rates is about to give you the poll tax plus the rates," he said.

The poll tax is dominating the campaign in an area where there are a lot of low-rated houses and where residents have faced increases running into hundreds of pounds. In a speech in Ribble Valley last night, Michael Heseltine, the environment secretary, highlighted the steps the government was taking to bring down community charge bills.

The £1.2 billion of extra help in the community charge deduction scheme would reduce the bill for a couple in the area who used to pay average rates by £122 from April.

Earlier, Mr Heseltine had visited Leo and Alice Wells, local Tories whose combined poll tax of £607 last year will be reduced by £190 this year. This is still £183 more than their rates bill in 1989-90.

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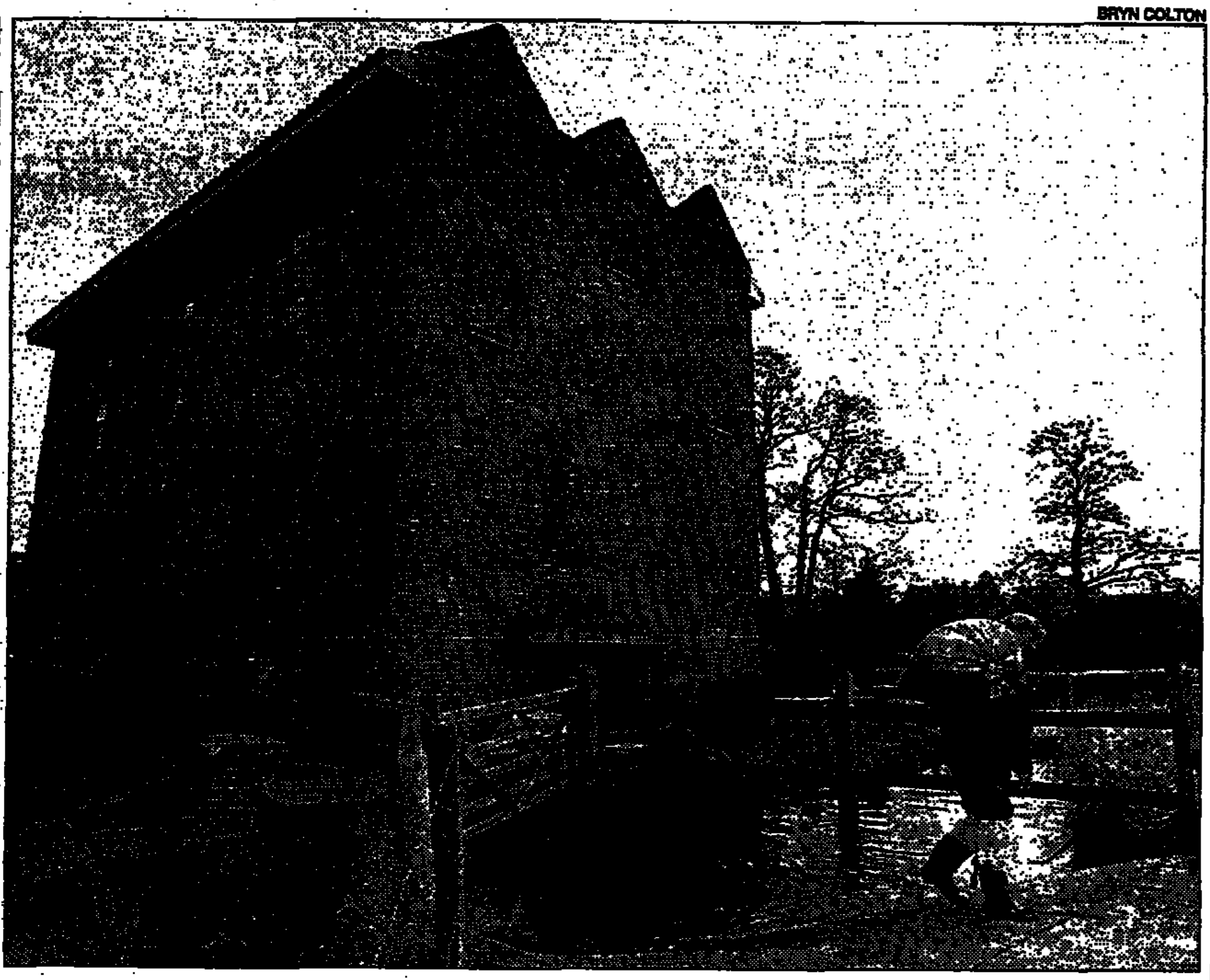


Flour power: Mike Thurlow, the owner of Norfolk's last working water mill, in the village of Letheringsett, where two hundred oak trees blown down in the great gale of October 1987 have been used to make 12,500 feet of flooring and 2,000 feet of beams to restore the mill. The restoration began in 1982 with the help of a local craftsman, George Rudd. At that time the mill was diesel-powered and used to crush animal feed. Since being converted back to water power in 1984 after a break of 40 years the mill has produced two-and-a-half tonnes a week of whole-wheat, stone-ground flour, which Mr Thurlow sells to local bakeries, health food shops and general stores, and to visitors to the mill

MPs reject move to televise trials

By Roger Wood, parliamentary editor

A MOVE to allow the televising of court cases on an experimental basis failed to get a second reading in the Commons yesterday and is unlikely to make any further progress.

The courts (research) bill, which sought to remove the ban on television cameras in courts and to allow controlled experiments, was effectively killed when a vote on a procedural motion was supported by only 22 MPs.

The bill's sponsor, Michael Woodcock, Conservative MP for Ellesmere Port and Neston, told MPs it was not his intention to introduce television in courts as a permanent feature. "It [the bill] seeks to test the arguments both for and against."

The government was not opposed to the bill, but approached it with "considerable caution" and wanted to know the views of MPs, said Sir Nicholas Lyell, QC, the solicitor-general. The government would insist on a number of safeguards if the bill were allowed to proceed, he said.

The measure, supported by the Bar Council, sought to implement the proposals of the Caplan Report which concluded in 1989 that the ban on cameras was no longer justified. Court photography was banned in 1925.

Mr Woodcock said confidence in the judiciary and legal system "can best be achieved by allowing the public to see judges, lawyers and the police at work, to see how courts make their decisions".

The bill also aimed to ease the total ban on interviewing juries, to enable legitimate research. There was opposition from Ivan Lawrence, QC, the Conservative MP for Burton, who said that the bill would risk the creation of a "media circus" with the public being interested in sex cases and those involving child abuse and murder.

Sir Nicholas accepted that there were advantages and some difficulties in the bill. Television might give the public a better perspective of the law and the workings of the court system, but the presence of cameras might cause some witnesses to "clam up completely" while others might play up to them. He noted that all the American states which had conducted similar experiments had allowed the cameras to remain.

Walters sees a Labour election win

SIR Alan Walters, Margaret Thatcher's former economic adviser, yesterday said that John Major's economic policies could lead to the election of a Labour government and added that interest rates should have been brought down long ago to 11 per cent or less (Philip Webster writes).

The day after the cabinet reaffirmed its commitment to the exchange-rate mechanism, Sir Alan repeated his warning that a depression would result from the ERM and if so, the hardships generated by mass unemployment and bankruptcies would lead to disenchantment with the ERM model of a disinflationary policy.

In the London *Evening Standard*, he said: "I fear it will so damage the Tories that a 1992 election might well bring in a Labour government. ... Thus an anti-inflationary policy of a Conservative government may well deliver us into the hands of an inflating Labour government."

Liverpool cash plea turned down

LIVERPOOL will get no extra money from the government to ease its financial problems, Michael Heseltine, environment secretary, told council leaders and officers yesterday (Ronald Faux writes).

Mr Heseltine told Harry Rimmer, council leader, and Peter Bounds, chief executive, that he understood the city's problems but said they had been mostly caused by council decisions and must be resolved by council decisions.

Mr Rimmer said: "He did not offer us any additional cash, and I did not expect any other reaction." The council has been told it must cut £19 million from the budget and lose 600 jobs if it is to meet government guidelines and avoid charge-capping.

The leaders explained their opposition to the community charge and told Mr Heseltine that problems collecting the tax could mean that £80 would have to be added to every bill in the city next year.

Sale thief is jailed

A pickpocket aged 62 enlisted the help of a grandmother aged 59 to give him an air of respectability as he preyed on shoppers at Harrods on the first day of the sale. Lewis Morton, who has a history of pickpocket convictions, was jailed for three years on Thursday by Southwark crown court. Yesterday Elizabeth Eaton, his accomplice, was given a 140-hour community service order by Horseferry Road magistrates, central London.

Morton, of Staveley, and Eaton, of Whitwell, both Derbyshire, admitted three thefts and asked for four to be considered.

Sledging death

Phillip Clothier, aged three, died a week after losing control of his sledge on a hill in Kenilworth, Warwickshire, and hitting a small tree during the snowy weather earlier this month, an inquest was told yesterday. A verdict of accidental death was recorded.

Officers bailed

Two policemen accused of perjury and unlawful imprisonment were committed for crown court trial yesterday. Paul Handley, aged 30, of Newcastle-under-Lyme, and Matthew Hall, aged 23, of Stoke-on-Trent, both officers with Staffordshire police, were granted bail.

'Doctor' accused

Muhammad Saeed, aged 62, of Bradford, West Yorkshire, was yesterday remanded in custody accused of falsely saying he was a doctor and of claiming £84,813 by deception in the nine months to January for employment as a GP in Yorkshire. He is alleged to have claimed that he qualified in Pakistan in 1949.

Tax blunder

North Norfolk council is to pay bank charges for poll tax payers who pay by direct debit and whose accounts became overdrawn when it accidently charged them an extra instalment.

Woman found

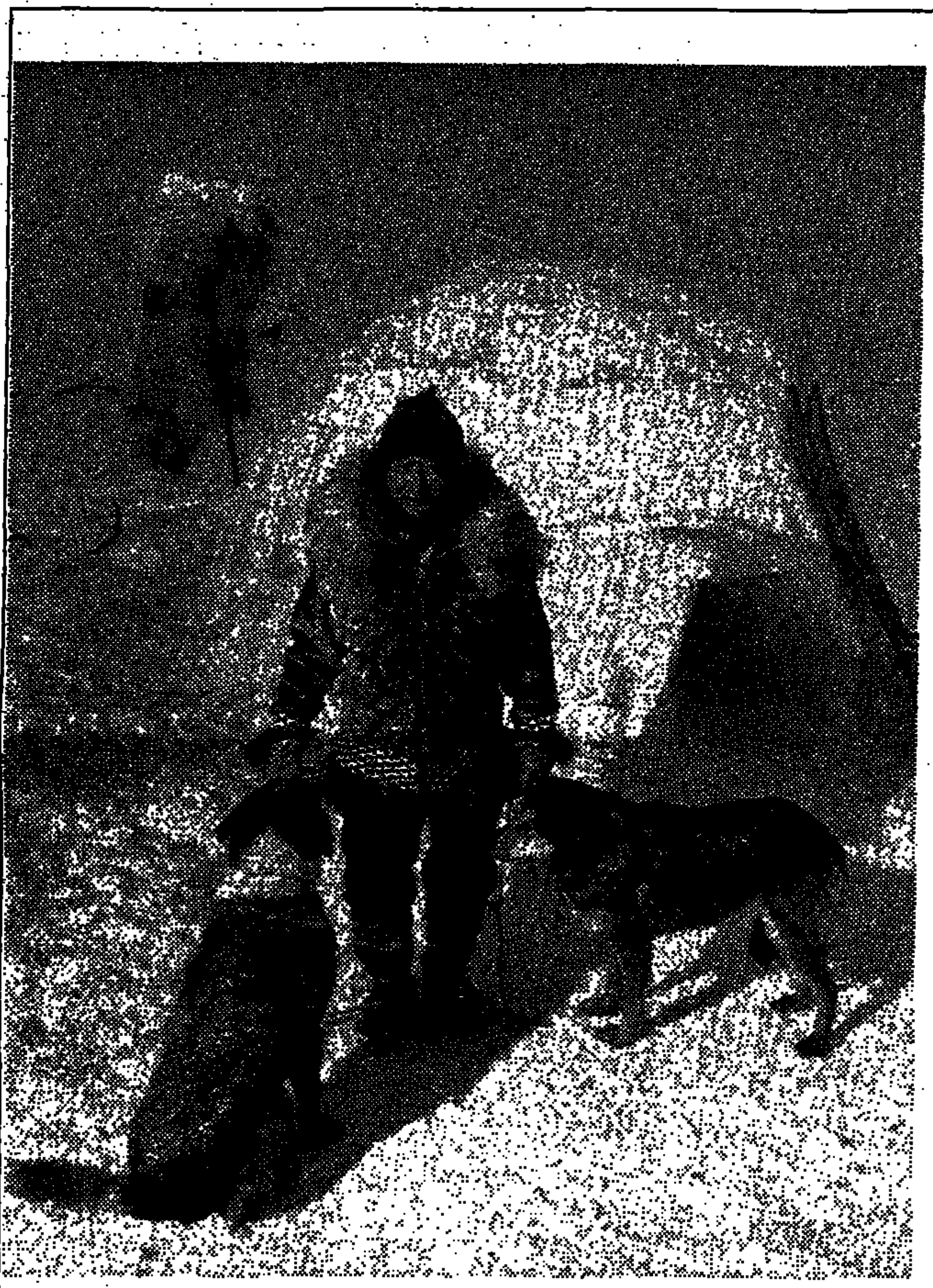
A woman lost in a blizzard near Ullswater, Cumbria, was found by mountain rescue teams yesterday sheltering in a snow hole. Ruth Davies, aged 48, of Earlsfield, London, was treated for hypothermia.

Cycles fail test

Seven mountain bicycles priced from £90 to £140 that were tested by trading standards officers failed to meet British safety requirements. The most worrying feature was bad braking. Ten out of 14 safety helmets tested also failed to meet the standards.

Prisoner dies

Stephen Hale, aged 23, of Aberbargoed, Mid-Glamorgan, awaiting trial for alleged rape, was found hanged in his cell at Cardiff prison.



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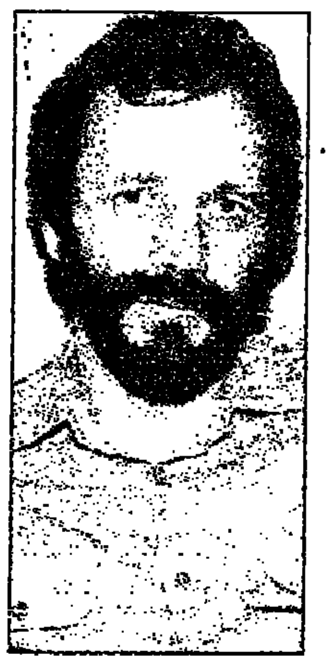
Union leaders locked in battle for the soul of Solidarity



Rulewski: busy drumming up the support of delegates'

Delegates return to Gdansk, birthplace of Poland's free trade union, for a congress today to elect a successor to Lech Walesa, **Roger Boyes** writes. The prize at stake is more than the top job

A FIERCE struggle for power is brewing in the Solidarity trade union, which holds a special congress today to elect a chairman in place of President Walesa.

The two-day congress in Gdansk is more than a fight for the top job: it is about the very soul of the trade union which was forged in the August strikes of 1980. Most of the 500 delegates agree that Solidarity must now be a conventional trade union, defending workers, demanding concessions from government and, if necessary, organising strikes and street protests against the premier, the cabinet and their old chief, the president of Poland.

The delegates also want to retain a political role, probably by fielding candidates for the parliamentary elections in May and thus building up a strong lobby for social welfare legislation.

Solidarity has come a long way from the "anti-politics" of its first congress in 1981. During that tense congress delegate after delegate stood up to swear that Solidarity was not political and that it was not chasing power but merely urging social and economic reform.

Solidarity was born out of an egalitarian ethic and the conviction that the communists had betrayed that ethic. Now, with a Solidarity-aligned government (the second since the communists were ousted in August 1989) with their man as president, and a market programme that actively encourages redundancies and the closing of inefficient industry, the union is befuddled. It has both to support and oppose the government.

Opinion polls show that its approval rating has slipped from 75 per cent in January 1990, when the government embarked on its economic "shock therapy", to 40 per cent in January 1991. The biggest drop came when Mr Walesa was elected president in December, and simultaneously resigned as Solidarity chairman.

Because Solidarity shares a form of ecomnomic responsibility with the government, many workers no longer regard it as a tough enough bargaining partner. The left-wing unions are picking up some of the Solidarity malcontents, but mainly these unrepresented workers are a loose and potentially dangerous floating constituency.

Angry Silesian coalminers recently stormed through the gates of the presidential palace to demand a meeting with Mr Walesa: they trust neither the government nor Solidarity. Stanislaw Tyminski, the political outsider, drew many of his votes in the presidential election from precisely this constituency, heavy industrial workers without a political home.

For Solidarity the real test will be how it handles wage controls. These are enforced in state industry by a special tax, known as *popiwek*, which financially penalises any management that raises the wages of workers beyond an officially set cost-of-living index. Since some 80 per cent of the economy is still in state hands, this tax amounts to a nationwide wage freeze.

Solidarity, as a union, cannot stomach this. In strike after strike, workers are rising up against this tax, compared here to Mrs Thatcher's poll tax. Yet Solidarity is pledged to support the government's move to the market, and the accompanying anti-inflation measures.

What to do? Mr Bogdan Borusiewicz, the former Gdansk underground resistance organiser who is the favourite to replace Mr Walesa this weekend, suggests that wage increases should be granted, but in the form of privatisation vouchers. Most of his rivals for the Solidarity leadership say that this is simply a fudge and that wage controls must be dropped immediately.

There are other issues to be resolved if Solidarity wants to define itself clearly as a union. First, say many delegates, it should discard the old regional structure and organise along the lines of separate industries, with unions representing steelworkers, miners and so on, in the Western mode.

Second, how many Solidarity officials should stand for parliament? Some factions say only between 30 and 50, because the union is being bled of its talent: President Walesa has taken scores of top organisers onto his staff, while many others have been absorbed into government and local councils.

Former heroes of the underground, such as Wladyslaw Frasyniuk, have resigned from Solidarity to become full-time politicians. Mr Borusiewicz, however argues that the Solidarity union should in effect run as a mass political party, contesting every seat. Otherwise the left-wing trade unions may push Solidarity to the political margins.

Much depends on the personality of Mr Borusiewicz, a modest, pragmatic man who was anointed as successor by Mr Walesa at the last congress in April 1990. But Mr Walesa's support may already have shifted to another strong candidate, Andrzej Slowik from Lodz. Although he has pronounced right-wing views, Mr Slowik favours a purely "unionist" union without political pretensions.

Other candidates, who have been busily drumming up delegates' votes over the past fortnight, include the current deputy chairman, Lech Kaczynski (from Gdansk), Marian Krzaklewski from Katowice and the firebrand opponent of Mr Walesa, Jan Rulewski. Since neither the Warsaw nor the Wroclaw regions is fielding candidates, the spoils will go to whoever wins their votes.

Yeltsin goes on tour to sidestep Moscow uproar

From MARY DEJEVSKY IN MOSCOW

BORIS Yeltsin, ignoring the uproar created in Moscow by his call for President Gorbachev's resignation, continued his tour of the Russian north yesterday, meeting the people in the medieval city of Novgorod.

The Russian parliament summoned Mr Yeltsin to an extraordinary meeting on March 28 at which Communist hardliners seem certain to press for his resignation. He will also be asked to defend his policies and leadership.

Mr Yeltsin's three-day tour, which took him to the industrial city of Yaroslavl, factories, collective farms and a monastery, appeared to be a tactic to turn down the heat in Moscow and court the popular support that has served him so well in the past.

Travel in the provinces appears to give Mr Yeltsin more opportunity to speak his mind than he generally has in Moscow. In Yaroslavl, he was reported to have continued the line of attack he pursued in Tuesday's television broadcast, accusing Mr Gorbachev and the centre of trying to preserve an obsolete system that was on its last legs.

Last month Mr Yeltsin flew to Siberia immediately after announcing that Russia was drastically reducing its contribution to the central budget. During the summer, when his and Mr Gorbachev's advisers were hammering out a joint economic programme, he toured the the Urals and the Pacific. The ecstatic reception he receives not only affords him protection from the physical danger he constantly suspects, but also conveys the message to the Kremlin that any attempt to oust him would cause serious trouble.

An opinion poll taken in Moscow last weekend found that Mr Yeltsin was not only by far the most popular Russian politician, but that support for him as Russian leader had increased since January. The findings of the poll contrasted with recent year-on-year polls reported in the official press which claimed that Mr Yeltsin's standing had fallen. The propaganda campaign against him scaled new heights yesterday with all official papers placing the "political declaration" presented to the Russian parliament on their front pages. The conservative *Sovietskaya Rossiya* covered its front page with indignant statements and interviews with deputies and "ordinary people" who said they took exception to the Russian leader's broadcast.

The previous day the same paper had implicated the Russian prime minister, Ivan Silayev, and obliquely Mr Yeltsin, in a complicated scheme to obtain goods and dollars to the value of 300 billion roubles.

● **Second thoughts:** Valentin Pavlov, the Soviet prime minister, tried to distance himself yesterday from his accusations that Western conspirators were trying to wreck the economy, and that Western businesses involved in the Soviet Union were mostly blatant speculators (Nick Worrall writes).

Mr Pavlov told a news conference he was sorry that his remarks had been interpreted as an attack on Western business. The foreign business community saw his claims as a clumsy attempt to explain last month's unpopular attempt to reform the shaky Soviet currency.

"I did not intend to make any attacks on Western business," the prime minister said. "I have friends, good friends among them. We stand for cooperation with Western business."

Mandela three skip country

Johannesburg — Three of the four missing men due to stand trial with Winnie Mandela on kidnapping and assault charges are in a refugee camp in northern Botswana, it was reported here yesterday (Ray Kennedy writes).

The Johannesburg *Star* said that an extradition request was being prepared by the department of foreign affairs. Although there is no formal diplomatic representation between South Africa and Botswana, an extradition agreement was signed in 1969 when the former British protectorate was given independence.

Talks resume

Belgrade — Leaders of Yugoslavia's six quarrelsome republics resumed their talks in an attempt to break the deadlock and decide whether the country will survive as a state or whether it will break up, which now seems the likeliest course. They decided to hold future talks outside Belgrade, the capitals of the republics each taking their turn.

Whale victim

Keltie Lee Byrne, aged 23, a Canadian animal trainer, was dragged to her death by three killer whales before horrified spectators in Oak Bay, British Columbia. Miss Byrne had ridden on the back of a whale during an exhibition. *(AP)*

Briton jailed

Kuala Lumpur — A Malaysian-born Briton has been jailed for 41 months for cheating a clerk of about £3,000 in cash and jewellery after promising to rid her of bad luck. Dionne Marie Hanna, aged 50, described as a shopkeeper from Cambridge, admitted deceiving the woman. *(AFP)*

Lesbian patrols

Sydney — Lesbian motorcyclist club Dykes on Bikes is to patrol the gay district here from midnight to dawn to prevent attacks on the city's large homosexual community. Police have approved of the lesbian patrols. *(Reuter)*

Prunskiene to join opposition

From ANATOL LIEVEN IN VILNIUS

KAZIMIERA Prunskiene, the former Lithuanian prime minister forced out of office by radical nationalists in the Sajudis movement last month, has returned to Lithuania from Germany and intends to help lead political opposition to the government of President Landsbergis.

Mrs Prunskiene said yesterday that she means to "bring together deputies and people who agree with my political line". She said that she might enter one of the new political parties, or try to form "a coalition of different political forces". Mrs Prunskiene said that her political position lay between liberalism and social democracy, and she called for new attempts to formulate Lithuanian policy for negotiations with Moscow and the West.

Mrs Prunskiene said that although she resigned as prime minister, "I have not lost my role as a political leader, which I have held for many years".

She criticised the new government of Dr Gedyminas Vagnorius. "I doubt if anyone knows what economic policy he has. In the past, his only policy was to criticise my government. Now, I expect he will simply agree with Dr Landsbergis. Government policy will be very dependent on the will of parliament, where no serious discussion is going on."

Mrs Prunskiene's attacks on the government are likely to be muted, in order to avoid charges of dividing and weakening the nation in the face of the imminent Soviet threat. However, she criticised "authoritarian" tendencies among the Sajudis radicals who dominate the government. "It is unbelievable that there is already talk of reintroducing censorship," she said.

Mrs Prunskiene said that the government of Dr Vagnorius was illegitimate because it was elected by a parliament lacking a proper quorum. She said this question must be decided by a parliamentary commission, due to report shortly.

The commission, which is chaired by Kazimeras Motieka, the deputy president, is also investigating the disappearance of Albertas Simenas, who held office for less than two days after replacing Mrs Prunskiene.

Closed chapters: books written by Enver Hoxha, the former Albanian dictator, being burnt outside a bookshop in Tirana, after a day of student demonstrations in the city. A bronze statue of Hoxha was torn down in the capital and officials closed the imposing museum dedicated to his achievements. The ruling Communists issued a statement on Thursday, urging Albanians to "halt the dark forces in their tracks". "The power of the people is imperilled, and the victories we have achieved and the freedom of the homeland are in danger," it said. However, the Hoxha cult that ensured the Communists' power appears to be receding. Troops and tanks guarded key buildings in the capital, although residents said the streets were now quiet and people had gone back to work. The harbourmaster's office at the Italian port of Brindisi reported yesterday that a group of lightly armed members of the Albanian navy had defected there with their naval tanker and police said they had asked about obtaining political asylum. Four civilians and 24 navy personnel were said to be on board.

Georgian guerrillas 'crushed'

From BRUCE CLARK
IN TBILISI

GEORGIA'S nationalist government claimed yesterday to have neutralised a group of extremist nationalist guerrillas. The existence of the freedom fighters lent weight to claims in Moscow that nobody really controls the republic, and it has threatened to impose emergency rule in Georgia.

The guerrilla group does not exist any more, said an interior ministry spokesman, referring to the shadowy Mkhedrioni militia. He said 100 men were detained in this week's action against guerrilla bases across the republic. More than 100 stolen vehicles, and automatic weapons and pistols were also seized.

Supporters of the guerrilla group, which subscribes to a rival version of Georgian nationalism, accused President Gamsakhurdia of Georgia of using pressure from Moscow as an excuse to settle domestic quarrels and crush his enemies.

Cholera epidemic deepens Peruvian economic ills

From CORINNE SCHMIDT IN LIMA

THE cholera epidemic that has swept Peru in recent weeks, causing more than 22,500 people to suffer diarrhoea, vomiting, and dehydration, could not have come at a worse time. Already plagued with internal violence and an economy on the verge of collapse, Peru faced the epidemic while the government of President Fujimori underwent its first cabinet upheaval and confronted an increase in unrest linked to the Gulf war.

The Peruvian health ministry kept the epidemic under control with a rapid response, widespread publicity and free medical care. An estimated 115 patients have died, a mortality rate of just 0.5 per cent, and the number of new cases is declining. However, Peru might have to live with disease and its economic and medical consequences for years to come.

According to the ministry of health, the epidemic began in the fishing towns north of the capital before being carried by sewage, marine life and plankton down the coast to Lima. How cholera, which is new to Peru, arrived here is a mystery, but its proliferation is easier to explain. Public sanitation declined as millions of peasants crowded into the coastal cities during the past 30 years. Lima, once a refined middle-class city, is now a filthy, sprawling metropolis.

The social changes have been shadowed by deepening economic troubles. Last year inflation topped 10,000 per cent. Battered by the economic predicament and beset by bad management, the government has done little to update sanitary systems.

Dr Uriel Garcia, a former health minister, said: "Forty per cent of the people in Lima don't have drinkable water, and in provincial cities the numbers are even worse. But even if you have drinkable water, you cannot guarantee it is not contaminated. The sewage and water lines leak and their contents mix."

But Carlos Vidal, the minister of health, believes the disease can be controlled. He has promised immediate action to limit the dumping of untreated sewage into the sea, and said Peru was seeking a foreign loan to build sewage treatment plants outside Lima. He said, however, that the loan had been delayed until Peru completes its "reinsertion" — the painful effort to return to the the international financial community.

That effort, which depends on increasing exports to pay off debts, might be set back by the epidemic's economic side-effects. Several countries have banned Peruvian imports and the European Community has promised to send a commission to Peru to determine whether its exports are cholera-free.

Although Señor Vidal thanked foreign governments for their medical help during the epidemic, he said: "The biggest help they could give us is to avoid these unilateral, unscientific restrictions."

Chinese population rise beats planners

From CATHERINE SAMPSON
IN PEKING

CHINA'S population grew by more than 16 million in 1990, adding more mouths to feed than the population of the crowded city of Shanghai, according to figures issued by the State Statistical Bureau yesterday.

The figures bring China's population to 1.143 billion. Planners are trying to keep it below 1.3 billion at the end of the century, but census results showed earlier this year that strict birth-control policies had not altogether succeeded.

Planners fear that if the population expands beyond 1.3 billion, there will not be enough food to go round. They are especially anxious since in the next few years the baby boomers of the Cultural Revolution will themselves be giving birth and producing a new boom. The bureau said yesterday that the crude birth rate was 21.06 per 1,000 and the death rate 6.67 per 1,000, meaning the natural growth rate was 14.39 per 1,000.

China is notorious for its one-child policy, but social pressure has forced the authorities to bend the rules, allowing peasants and minority peoples to have more children. In many cases, government officials have turned a blind eye to excess births, often because they too are breaking the rules.

Sometimes the officials simply want to collect the fine for having an extra child: the more children, the more fines. It is in the cities that the greatest pressure is put on women to comply and if necessary to have abortions rather than babies.

● **HONG KONG:** Xu Jiatun, Peking's most senior official in Hong Kong before his defection to the United States, has been stripped by China of his official posts in the National People's Congress and accused of betrayal. He was the director of the New China News Agency, Peking's unofficial embassy in Hong Kong. *(Reuter)*

Peggy Lee challenges the mighty Mouse

From CHARLES BREMNER
IN NEW YORK

MICKEY, Donald and the gang may be everyone's idea of friendly fun, but their creator has long been known in Hollywood as the toughest of bare-knuckle legal avengers. Under the slogan "You don't mess with the mouse," teams of lawyers do round-the-clock battle to preserve the purity of Walt Disney property, and they take pride in never losing.

Recently they nailed a Florida nursery school which had painted Mickey, Minnie, Donald and Goofy on walls of the playground. Across the world, Disney's teams pounce on anyone who purloins the image of the cartoon characters.

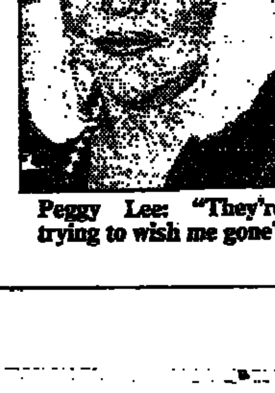
But now the company is being sued for tens of millions of dollars by Cinderella, Sleeping Beauty and the human behind the cartoon cast of *The Lady and the Tramp*. Leading the litigation is Peggy Lee, the singer, who provided voices and co-wrote songs for *The Lady and the Tramp* in 1955. In a dramatic scene on Wednesday, Miss Lee, now aged 70 and in frail health, was carried in a wheelchair into a Los Angeles court at the start of what is expected to be a long legal battle over the rights to royalties on the videocassette releases of Disney's hit cartoons. Suits are also pending from Mary Costa, the voice of the Princess Beauty and Ilene Woods Shaughnessy, the voice of Cinderella.

Miss Lee says she earned $4,000 for providing the voices of the sultry singing dog Peg, the Siamese cats and Darling, the human owner of Lady. She and Sonny Burke, who wrote the songs with her, retained all rights for recordings and transcriptions.

The Lady and the Tramp has earned $140 million for Disney, including $90 million from the video sale, according to Miss Lee's lawyers. The film beat *Top Gun* as the biggest selling video of 1987 and has sold more than three million copies. Miss Lee is charging Disney with breach of contract and unlawful enrichment, citing the clause on transcription. Disney's lawyers insist that "transcription" applied to audio recording discs and not to video technology that did not exist when her contract was signed in 1952.

In an initial hearing last year, the court found that Disney was at fault for releasing the videos without the singer's permission but the company has vowed to fight to the last appeal.

Miss Lee believes that Disney is trying to drag out the litigation until after her death. "They're trying to wish me gone, but I'm not. I'm still here," she told the *Los Angeles Times*.



Peggy Lee: "They're trying to wish me gone"

A year ago, a Disney-controlled company in Florida, the home of Disney World, caused a furore when it pre-empted an attempt by a local agency to build housing for the poor. Among their recent victories, the Disney lawyers forced the Mickey Mouse pub in Beloit Wisconsin to change its name.

They prevented the city fathers of White River, Ontario, from erecting a statue to mark the birthplace of a bear cub that went to London Zoo and is said to have helped inspire A. A. Milne to write *Winnie the Pooh*. Disney owns the *Pooh* film rights.

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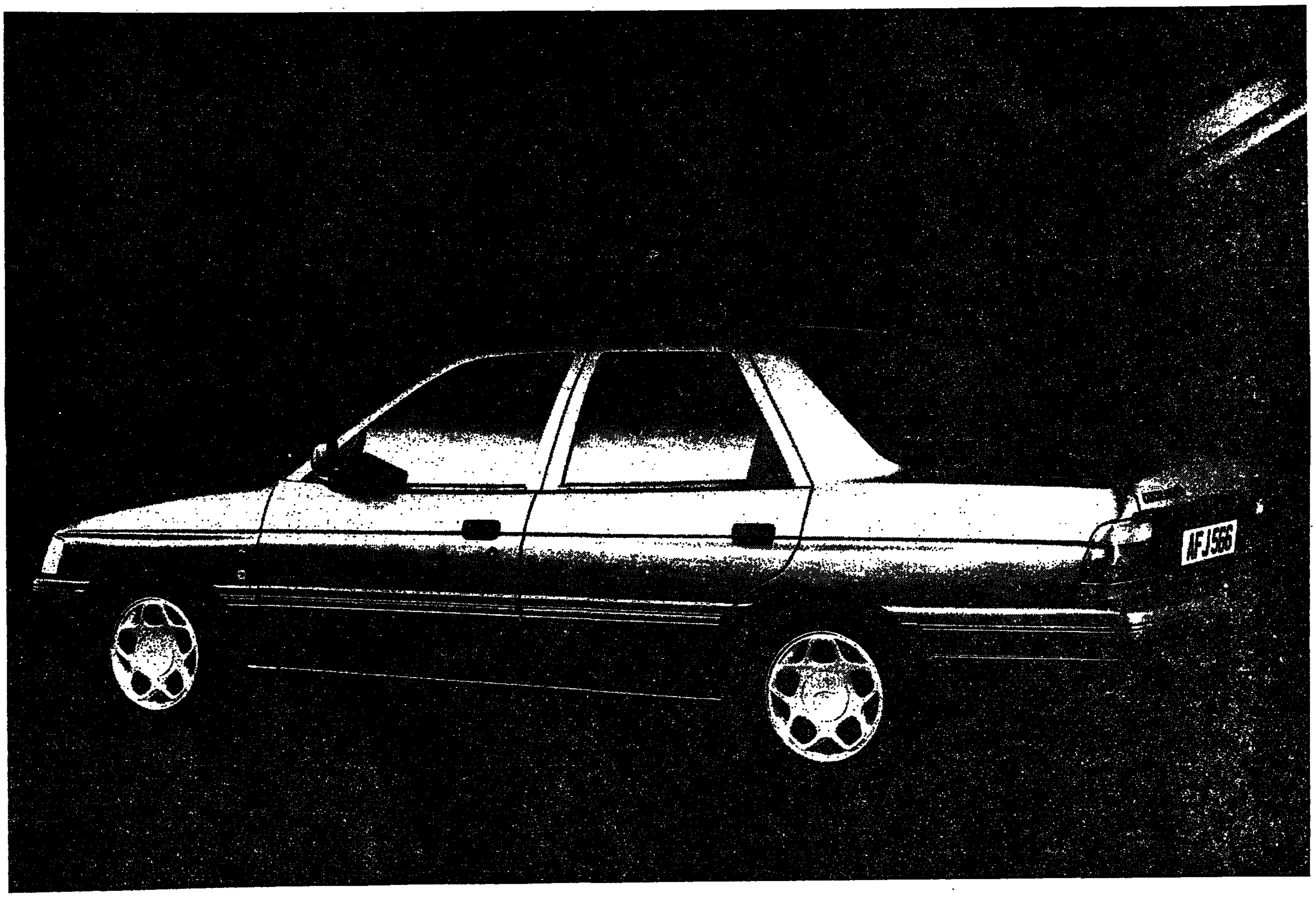

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The greatest of these is Hope

Clifford Longley

The diocese of London claims to have been founded in 314, which if true makes it 283 years older than the archdiocese of Canterbury. It seems to have been sulking ever since.

What is has been sulking about, most recently, is the proposed ordination of women. Dr Graham Leonard, its present bishop, has become the episcopal standard-bearer of opponents to this development, and his flock includes many of the over-my-dead-body school of conservative Anglo-Catholics. Dr David Hope, the present Bishop of Wakefield, was named last week as his successor and, although no die-hard "spike" (as the expression goes), was once incumbent of All Saints, Margaret Street, the capital's chief Anglo-Catholic fortress.

Sulking is a word nobody would use to describe the buoyant Dr Hope. His task is to convert the diocese, and most of all its recalcitrant element, to a little more enthusiasm for the 20th-century church before it is too late. For there is not much doubt that Anglo-Catholicism in the Church of England, at least as a distinct movement, is sick, even dying. Some of its characteristics will live on, chiefly because they have been absorbed into the Anglican mainstream. As the senior Anglo-Catholic bishop, Dr Hope's task, if he wants it, will be to rescue something more substantial from the Anglo-Catholic ruins.

Anglo-Catholicism was already losing its edge before the impact of the movement for women priests in the early 1970s confused its aims even further.

> ‘Catholic means universal. Unfortunately, Anglo-Catholicism has become the opposite of universal: a sect’

Much of the damage it has since sustained has been self-inflicted. Its instinctive strategy to oppose the ordination of women was the essentially negative one of retreating into a laager. The present strategy is to threaten to leave the Church of England in favour of some unspecified alternative, such as a "real" Church of England — a rival show yet to be formed — or Rome. But what this threat will fizzle down to, no doubt, is an effort to create areas of the church free of women priests. But the Church of England will only tolerate that for a decade or so before extinguishing such no-go areas.

At the heart of Anglo-Catholicism's sickness is a paradox. At its foundation in the 1840s and in its best thinking since, it stood not for a sectarian spirit within the Church of England but for the other extreme. It claimed that the established church was the direct and continuous descendant of the medieval church in England, and that the break with Rome in the 16th century was merely the separation of one part of the Catholic Church from another — hence the term Anglo-Catholic.

The vital ingredient of catholicity, without which (they maintained) no Christian church could properly call itself such, was therefore held in common with Roman Catholicism and with the various branches of the Orthodox Church (which broke with Rome much earlier). This was a challenge to the prevailing "little England" spirit of Anglicanism. The Anglo-Catholic founders insisted that the Church of England was part of Catholic Christendom.

Catholic means universal. Unfortunately, Anglo-Catholicism has become the opposite of universal, with a narrow "is he one of us?" suspiciousness made more acute by the approaching threat of women's ordination. That is the paradox: it has become a sect for Anglicans who believe (or whose forefathers believed) that Anglicanism must not become a sect. Meanwhile the rest of Anglicanism has got on with the business of being a mainstream church.

In the process, the Anglo-Catholic movement has thrown away quite a good case against women's ordination. It never carried the campaign into the enemy camp, nor fought to convince other Anglicans, but relied upon its totems of "catholicity" and "apostolicity", and the threat to these that women's ordination would represent. In the absence of a rigorous official theology such as Rome's, these words can mean whatever you like.

To most Anglicans, the continuity of the Church of England with the medieval English church is a matter of historical fact. And it is symbolic of this attitude that to the Church of England, "ecclesiology" meant the study of old church buildings. Only in the present generation has the Roman Catholic use of the term — study of the theology of the church as a supernatural institution — been adopted by Anglicans, who traditionally preferred bricks and mortar to metaphysics. Even so, Anglo-Catholics have yet to take spiritual ecclesiology seriously.

As well as offering veiled threats and mysterious totems to resist women's ordination, the Anglo-Catholic party has relied on the inertia of tradition, on the residual misogyny of many conservative churchmen (sometimes allied to concealed homosexuality), on block votes in the General Synod, and on the threat to the prospect of unity with the Roman Catholic Church. None of these arguments or prejudices amounts to a serious case against ordaining women. Nor do they amount to a coherent strategy for an Anglo-Catholic future. If they lose the battle, they will be down or out; if they win they will be unbearable, and with nothing further to contribute.

What could Dr Hope make of this mess? He has already indicated that he will accept the ordination of women if it happens, trying to hold the church together. If he can persuade his fellow Anglo-Catholics to do likewise, he will at least have delivered them from their present condition of siege. He would do even better to revive the agenda of Anglo-Catholic renewal, which was starting to take shape before the ordination of women issue knocked it off course. That means persuading them that they still have something to offer the rest of the church. And ultimately, that means persuading them to love the Church of England again — as it is, not as they dream of it.

Michael Armitage sets out the probable course of the land battle

How Iraq will be beaten

As a ground attack by allied ground forces now looks imminent, the Gulf war has moved into its decisive phase. It will be decisive in a way that the air campaign could never be, for no one with a grasp of history believed that air power alone could bring about the defeat of Saddam Hussein.

What the air forces did was gain and retain air superiority and then subject the Iraqi ground forces to unremitting aerial attack. But this was only in preparation for the clash of forces on the ground.

Comparative tables of allied and Iraqi armour, artillery and infantry will now replace charts of opposing aircraft and missiles, but, as in the continuing air campaign, the counting and weighing of hardware and crews will not tell the whole story. The intangibles of training, combat skills and morale will, as ever, be crucial; and it must be said that in the war so far, largely in the air, these factors have served the allies very well.

The Iraqis will find themselves critically disadvantaged at another level, between the strategic and the tactical. Strategy is about the deployment of forces in the theatre of operations; it was strategy that governed, for example, the decision to build up and then to commit the huge allied air forces. Tactics are about battlefield decisions, about how to tackle military problems at the level of fighting units. The operational level is the one at which the theatre commanders can confound and outmanoeuvre the enemy by exercising superior command and control and by adopting a swift tempo of operations that unhinges his plans for defence and counterattack. What might this level of decision-making mean in the Gulf as the opposing ground forces engage?

The allies' broad plan has already been explained by the Pentagon. It is to cut off and then to destroy the Iraqi army in and near Kuwait. That army has three main components. First, the troops dug in along the Kuwait-Saudi border. Here they are in an unusually strong position, protected by deep fortifications prepared by their highly capable combat engineers and covered by the massed firepower of Iraqi artillery, still a threat despite the aerial pounding it has taken.

Awaiting orders: a soldier trains in the desert, as the allies build up their forces for a ground attack

This deployment is strikingly reminiscent of that adopted by the Iraqi army during the eight-year war with Iran. But the difference, and it is one the Iraqi command seems not to have grasped, is that their defences are facing not human waves of religious fanatics, but a supremely professional Western army. The Iraqi forces in this sector are obliged by probing attacks and air bombardment to remain right where they are, in their fortifications. And whether Saddam intends it or not, these troops, mainly low-grade conscripts, are likely to be sacrificed.

The second component of the Iraqi defences in and around Kuwait is the immediate reserve of armoured troops deployed to the rear of the static lines, presumably to engage any allied forces that break through, or to launch their own local offensives. But if these formations move from their positions, they will be even more vulnerable to the weight of allied air superiority than they have been until now. Yet if they do not move out, they will be useless to the Iraqi defence, and one way or another they will be by-passed.

This kind of dilemma will pose entirely unfamiliar problems to the Iraqi commanders. During the Iran-Iraq war, neither side achieved the kind of coordinated land/air operations for which the American and British forces have long been trained.

However, the third element of the Iraqi deployments in the south is the key to the situation. The Republican Guard is made up, as far as we can tell, of three armoured and two mechanised divisions, positioned astride the Iraq border north-west of Kuwait City. The Republican Guard includes the bulk of the Soviet-supplied T72 tanks in the Iraqi inventory: weapons that are by any standards highly effective on the battlefield. The T72 carries a 125mm gun, the largest calibre tank-mounted gun in the theatre, and these tanks all have advanced armour protection. They pose a threat that will be taken very seriously by the allied commanders.

Yet even more important than this Iraqi technical capability and what it means for allied tactics on the battlefield is the operational concept which brought the Republican Guards to the area in the first place. They are at the far end of the two roads to Baghdad, one along the Euphrates and the other along the line of the Tigris. Both roads, but especially the more direct route along the Euphrates, feature river crossings and other focal points that can be readily blocked by allied air power. Indeed, many have already been attacked.

Thus in contrast to the allies, who are quickly supplied with virtually everything they want, this main Iraqi mobile force will suffer increasingly from shortages of food and ammunition and will be cut off from the rest of Iraq. A swift use of allied armour might well surround it, so that it could then be subjected to one of the most intensive air and land bombardments ever seen on a battlefield.

Or, alternatively, the Iraqi force might fall back, in which case it would face a choice. It might risk the long retreat to Baghdad, harassed all the way by devastating air attack, and arriving, if at all, a visibly defeated remnant; more likely would be an attempt to fall back on the heavily fortified city of Basra. This would pose a considerable political-military dilemma for the allies. They could then advance into Basra, accepting both the bitter street-fighting and the Iraqi civilian casualties that this would entail. Or they could besiege the city and await the eventual surrender.

This last option would be a long-drawn-out affair, best suiting Saddam's purposes. He must realise by now that he cannot win the war. What he can hope for is to be seen not to lose it. All the evidence so far is that he has prepared for a long haul.

The balance is likely to be struck by a deft use of allied armour and by a timely deployment of marines and airborne troops to seize the initiative near Basra, keep the Iraqi command off balance and force a decisive engagement, rather than allowing the Iraqi army to escape to the relative sanctuary of the urban areas.

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Narrow plots with short leases

Alan Franks says re-use of cemeteries is still a live issue

When a central London council sells off its last three cemeteries at five pence each because it cannot afford to maintain them, and one of those cemeteries then becomes the focus of a planning controversy, as is now the case, we may conclude that something is amiss in the relationship between the priorities of the living and the prerogatives of the dead.

The story of Westminster's out-of-town graveyards, with its crazy figures and sepulchral sniff of skulduggery should belong to the pages of a late, dark Dickens. How nicely it would have mulched down as a sub-plot in *Our Mutual Friend*. Council flogs off graveyards for risible sum; land changes hands again; property men draw up building applications; council is offered cemeteries back for £5 million. Improbability still stalks the alleys of necropolitan life.

Our graveyards are full, and yet they have never had so few advocates in the competition for resources in the town halls. Social mobility, and everything which that implies, has diminished the relevance of the tombstone in its given spot of ground. So genteel decline turns to galloping dereliction; the places become dangerous and have to be closed.

Often, it is only at this point that salvation — or at least a stab at it — arrives in the form of a local or historical society. Then, in death as in life, influence is all. The posthumous pleading of figures such as Karl Marx, Michael Faraday and George Eliot enables Highgate and the other great 19th-century private-enterprise cemeteries to claim the status of national monuments. As for the rest — parish churchyards as well as their municipal counterparts — they stand to pass into the realm of stonemason's debris, only slightly hedged from dissolution by their vague aura of sacredness, and by our reluctance to treat the environment of the dead quite as cavalierly as that of the living.

The more you delve, the clearer it becomes that the argument about the place of the cemetery in modern Britain is as much secular as spiritual. It is specifically about space, and because space is land, it is also about money and politics. Hence Westminster.

Once we had identified the anachronism of monuments that have far outlasted living memory, it was but a short step to becoming a nation of cremators. The cremation movement and the awareness of land scarcity have gone hand in hand throughout 20th-century social history, entwined as surely as the convolvulus with the wrought-iron railings of north London.

In 1885 there were no cremations in Britain. Four years later there was a tiny, nascent statistic, but a statistic none the less: 0.01 per cent of the people who died that year were cremated. Jump to 1947 and the figure is up to 10 per cent; ten years later it has more than doubled, to 28 per cent. During the 1960s and 1970s it doubled again, before rising to just under 70 per cent today.

Since about 600,000 people die each year in Britain, the movement, and the 226 crematoria in the Cremation Society (motto: "Leave Land for the Living") have done their own obverse of digging for victory. The society believes that this pattern of growth has been responsible for saving from the grave a land area roughly equivalent to Bath.

The comparable figures for other countries make for fascinating study, even if, for obvious reasons, we must avoid reading into them too much correlation between burials and land availability: 97 per cent of Japan's population choose cremation; as do 66 per cent in Denmark, 55 per cent in New Zealand and Czechoslovakia. The figure in America is only 16 per cent; in France, 5 per cent, and in Italy, 1 per cent.

The irony is that burial, which has traditionally commended itself to some land-related sense of permanence and security, is now becoming ever less likely to mean a durable resting place.

In the opinion of Tony Walter, author of *Funerals and How to Improve Them*, the worst problems arise when the guardian of the property is not a local church, but a new owner. He cites the case a few years ago of an old graveyard being emptied of bones to make way for a block of flats. In the opinion of Dr Walters, we should not be closing small local burial grounds, but reopening them through a system of financial incentives to churches. Otherwise, he predicts, the parish churchyards will fossilise into tourist attractions.

Transatlantic solutions, such as multi-storey graveyards or European ones, like a planned rotation of use, in which the number of years a body remains undisturbed in a grave is finite, have yet to find much favour here.

In this respect there is perhaps little advance on 1875, when a Mr Haden, writing in the letters column of *The Times*, put forward the idea of shallow burial, without a coffin, followed by relatively quick re-use of the grave. He was, it goes without saying, taken to task by furious doctors and threatened undertakers.

There may not quite be a case for necromancy here, but there should be some solace in the knowledge that the problem has been with us before. Even in the 16th century, Londoners witnessed the spectacle of hundreds of carts bearing corpses from central cemeteries to mass graves on the outskirts of the city. It was around this time that the developing middle classes sought to eternalise their achievements in stone, and that property rights were so strongly asserted that people could virtually enfranchise the dead within their manorial tombs. In death, if not in life, we are now neither so peremptory with the common man, nor so indulgent with the rich. There is a kind of democracy in cremation.

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MATTHEW PARRIS

As everybody knows, the second world war was not about Hitler but about the territorial integrity of Poland. It is equally clear, I think — for Francis Pym did explain — that Britain's drive to recapture the Falkland Islands was in pursuit of UN Security Council Resolution 502 of April 3, 1982.

Due to a curious mental blank, I could not quite recall the date or number of the resolution, so I rang my secretary. It had slipped her mind too. Some of those we then consulted had forgotten that there *was* a UN resolution. Odd! Odd how the passage of time mists out the real reasons for things, leaving only the recollection of spurious feelings — like patriotism and the impression that Galtieri was a bullying monster...

Yet in 1982, Resolution 502 was at the centre of our lives, I expect. In pubs we surely spoke of little else? People raised glasses, no doubt, in a loyal toast: "The Queen," they would grunt, "and, more important, Resolution 502!" In just the same way, 40 years earlier, "Up with Poland!" was (I assume) a cry of defiance most commonly to be heard from plucky Londoners as the bombs rained down. Luckily Hitler did not try to give Poland back before he had been pulverised, or it would have been necessary to explain why that would not do.

For this (though you may not know it) was the story of Macbeth's attempts to surrender, before the coalition forces of Malcolm, Siward and Macduff clobbered him.

The allied assault on Macbeth, we all accept, was nothing personal, but launched to uphold the doctrine of lawful monarchical succession. It is true that Macbeth's actions had widowed Mrs Banquo, deprived Lady Macduff of a son and ground much of Scotland beneath the heel of a grisly tyrant; but more to the point, his behaviour had outraged international lawyers. It was respect for law which motivated the advance on his castle at Dunsinane. The notion that there was any element either of retribution, or of a desire to rid Scotland of a very nasty couple, was just a vulgar misconception among some of the troops. Isn't it funny how the people who are actually fighting often get completely the wrong end of the stick? One of the great merits of a popular democracy, I often think, is that it provides us with clever and principled people to explain to us why we are doing what we are doing.

But back to that almost forgotten scene in *Macbeth*. The tyrant himself, and his wife, were holed up, you remember, at Dunsinane. The news was bad. "Bring me no more reports; let them fly all," Macbeth had grumbled, as it emerged that the coalition — the English, plus Macduff, Caithness and others — was approaching Birnam Wood and closing in for the land war.

Shakespeare told us how it ended, but says nothing of the message Macbeth had sent the allies: "Lady M & I give up, but can we keep our castle, please?"

Yet it was noted at the time. I have found the report from *The Glamis and Cawdor Advertiser*. It is headlined "Allies reject 'hoax' offer from Macbeth".

The text runs: "Siward, Earl of Northumberland, last night poured cold water on hopes that Macbeth's alleged surrender note could lead to a cessation of hostilities. 'It was always inevitable,' he said, 'that this brutal dictator would try to escape with his reputation and his war machine intact.

'I should like to emphasise to our Scottish allies — for this is essentially a Scottish campaign — that neither the invasion nor the destruction of Dunsinane is any part of our war aims. Nor do we require the removal of Macbeth, let alone his execution. Our ally, Macduff, may indeed have declared:

Make all our trumpets speak: give them all breath,
Those clamorous harbingers of blood and death!

but this was only a regretful reference to the alternative to a peaceful resolution, which we all still hope for.

'However, Macbeth's latest offer is a trap. Have we come this far to see him escape, freed to fight again? Let me remind you of the three terms of Celtic Resolution 489:

1. Yield thee, coward,
2. And live to be the show and gaze o'the time.
3. We'll have thee, as our rarer monsters are,
Painted upon a pole, and underwrit,
Here you may see the tyrant...

'Naturally, we hope that Macbeth will agree to these demands. Otherwise the war goes on.'"

THE TIMES DIARY

Charity may lose by a nose

Dame Shirley Porter's swan-song gesture of cutting Westminster's community charge by £19 as she leaves the council has failed to impress the organisers of next month's Comic Relief day.

Comic Relief, which raised £26 million in 1990 for various causes, is encouraging businesses to help raise funds this year by adorning their offices with 6ft red noses, at £1,000 each. However, the council has decided to charge £92 for each proboscis affixed by Westminster businesses. While they do not breach planning regulations, the council argues that they constitute advertisements, and so are liable to the conditions of the Town and Country Planning Act. A council spokesman says: "We are therefore compelled to make a charge of £92." In London, the BBC and the Dorchester Hotel were among the first to sport the noses.

Comic Relief, which has given the council more than £300,000 for projects in Westminster, mainly aimed at schemes for deprived young people and the homeless, has already appealed against this interpretation of the rules. A charity employee said: "It's a bit small-minded when you consider how much money we have given to the council." And a Comic Relief spokesman said: "We have gone back to the council to ask it to reconsider its ruling. We have not experienced this anywhere else."

Griff Rhys-Jones, Lenny Henry and Stephen Fry, the comedians, are presenting the *Comic Relief* show on BBC television on March 15, at the end of several weeks of fund-raising activities.

Could Dame Shirley be persuaded to make one more farewell gesture and donate the money to charity? Comic Relief perhaps?

● *Meanwhile, across London, the speechwriter to Margaret Hodge, the leader of Islington council, is walking with the aid of crutches for the third time in six months. Labour councillor Greg Hayman first tripped and broke his right ankle on a broken pavement in Islington and promptly sued his own council. A few months later he broke his left ankle in a similar accident in Westminster, and issued a summons against Dame Shirley Porter's council. Last week in Derbyshire, he slipped a third time — it looks like carelessness — and broke three ribs. So is he suing the county council there? "I can't. I fell in my front garden."*

Fiddling expenses

One of Professor Felix Andrievsky's gifted student violinists at the Royal College of Music is emulating Nigel Kennedy in an attempt to buy a rare and expensive instrument. Dublin-born Nicola Cleary, aged 21, has written to a number of company chairmen asking them to provide £32,000 for a 1789 Piatellini from J.A. Beares, the London dealer. Her argument is based on the premise that after five years, when with luck she will be able to afford her own instrument, the sponsor can sell the violin for a much higher price. "It is a good idea as violins do appreciate in value," says Charles Bear, the company director. "She has it out on trial at the moment and we wish her the best of luck."

Eight years ago, when Kennedy was a student and keen to buy a £75,000 Stradivarius from Beares, he approached various City institutions for finance. "One merchant bank was keen but pulled out at the last moment, because of the risk," says Beare. "It was upsetting. The violin is now worth £275,000, so they would have got more than their money back."

Club sandwich

Neil Kinnock's railing against Labour's rebel Supper Club has not stifled the enthusiasm of the diners. Despite their leader's fury, shadow cabinet members John Prescott and Jo Richardson continue to attend meetings to discuss ways of changing the party's stance on the Gulf war.

Chris Smith, one of Labour's frontbench treasury team and a club stalwart, has been telling the local party in his Islington and Finsbury constituency about the get-togethers. Denying that the organisation is riven with plots against the party leadership, he says that the 30-strong group has been beavering away since December, arguing that economic sanctions alone will shift Iraq. But Smith has reservations about one aspect of the group, which meets at various Westminster hostelries. He confesses that the bill of fare is unlikely to feature in the next edition of *The Good Food Guide*. "We discuss political issues over a sausage roll or two. The food is revolting."

Non-paying guest

While most of London's luxury hotels currently have more staff than guests, the new Langham Hilton in Portland Place has inherited one permanent resident: a ghost. The building, beside Broadcasting House, was previously occupied by the BBC, and at least three broadcasters were shaken by encounters with the spooky presence.

One of them, Radio 4's chief announcer Peter Donaldson, experienced the ghost during his Radio 2 days in the early 1970s. "One night while sleeping in Room 333, I awoke to see the shimmering outline of a person in the corner," he says. "He was wearing a triangular cloak. The room felt incredibly cold, and the hairs on the back of my neck rose." Two other broadcasters reported similar experiences.

"We were not the first to see it," says Donaldson. "One night, two commissionaires were checking the fourth floor when a figure approached them, again wearing a cloak. One of them put his hand out to question him, but the ghost walked right through them and disappeared around the corner."

The building was originally the Langham, London's most fashionable address where Toscanini, Mark Twain and Louis Napoleon all stayed. But suggestions that the ghost could be the restless spirit of Lord Reith have been denied. It is said to be the ghost of a lovesick German prince, who threw himself from the window of room 333 at the turn of the century.

BACK TO REALITY

The choice given President Saddam Hussein yesterday in the White House Rose Garden was no starker than the choice he has been given by the United Nations for months. Disgorge Kuwait, or be forced to. The diplomacy of the past week has served, as Saddam presumably intended, to obscure that choice. President Bush has now, after careful consultation with the rest of the coalition, closed off the avenues of procrastination which Saddam has been exploring with such skill since August 2.

While tactfully expressing his "appreciation" for Moscow's last-ditch diplomacy, Mr Bush made plain that there are to be no more riddles wrapped in a mystery inside an enigma, to paraphrase Churchill, whether emanating from the Kremlin or from Baghdad. Mr Bush gave Saddam until 5pm today, London time, to "begin his immediate and unconditional withdrawal from Kuwait" or face a ground war.

Saddam's scope for cloaking that withdrawal in the rhetoric of victory, as he has done with every previous tactical or even strategic defeat in his career, is minimal. A joint allied statement set out the terms which Saddam must, in Mr Bush's words, accept "publicly and authoritatively" and in their entirety. These shift the ground decisively from the talk of conditions and counter-conditions which had begun to blur the clarity of United Nations resolutions, to the solid ground of the mechanics of withdrawal. Iraq was given until 8am on Monday, local time, to leave Kuwait City — permitting the legitimate government to return on Monday, Kuwait's national day — and a week to complete its forces' retreat. Allied forces would not harass retreating troops, but there is no question of a ceasefire until all Iraqi forces have left Kuwait.

The decision frees the alliance of an increasingly embarrassing entanglement in Saddam's gameplan for survival. Diplomacy and the souk have this in common: the first hint of ultimate concession is when one side accepts the other's terms of reference. For seven days, the pressure had been on the alliance to do just that. Had diplomacy continued down the tortuous path mapped out first in Baghdad and then in Moscow, a political solution could have been bought only at the price of meeting Iraq's consistent demand for the setting aside of the mandatory UN resolutions condemning its invasion and annexation of Kuwait and laying down the penalties for continued violations of international law. That would have offered no lasting solution in the Gulf, and would have set a dangerous precedent for dealing with future aggression.

Since Iraq invaded Kuwait last August, Saddam's use of diplomacy has been to deflect attention from his violation of international law. There was little to suggest that the current negotiations in Moscow, where talks between President Gorbachev and Iraq's foreign minister, Tariq Aziz, produced no clear result yesterday morning, would break that pattern. Mr Bush was right to cut through the verbal web, bringing Iraq back to the original cause of its quarrel with the international community: its aggression against Kuwait.

There was a compelling reason for calling a halt to this game, the evidence that Saddam was carrying out his threat of last August to make Kuwait "a graveyard". On Wednesday, Kuwaiti officials reported that Iraqi troops and secret police had begun to murder torture victims who, if left alive, could have given evidence of atrocities. Yesterday, smoke billowed from Kuwait's oilfields, where the Pentagon claimed that a quarter of the wells had, within the previous 24 hours, been set on fire. Allied anxiety about Saddam's "scorched earth" policy is reflected in the insistence that Iraq remove all booby traps attached to Kuwaiti installations, cease persecuting Kuwaiti civilians and release all detainees.

The allied terms are unanimous. They are squarely within the terms set by the United Nations. They do not extend allied war aims. There are no new conditions regarding Saddam's future or the future of his armed forces. They permit of no cheating. Saddam can still avoid a ground war. But whichever course he chooses, he has lost the diplomatic battle.

A VISIT TO ULSTER

John Major did well to go to Ulster yesterday. In the aftermath of the resumption of a "mainland" IRA terror campaign, the prime minister's trip should reassure the security forces and a population which feels that British politicians only involve themselves in outrages close to home.

But is Mr Major's interest merely presentational? Will he continue the practice of sending unfashionable colleagues to Belfast, recite the usual ritual about "defeating terrorism" and pretend that Britain's most shaming political failure is no failure at all or is purely a security matter?

Mr Major must never permit the IRA to dictate by its atrocities how and at what speed the political future of Ulster can be discussed. Such dictation has been allowed for most of the time since direct rule was introduced in 1972. The Anglo-Irish Agreement of 1985 produced neither a cessation of violence nor progress towards the overriding objective of British ministers since 1972, a return to devolved government and an end of direct rule. To its credit, it led to stronger pan-Irish security co-operation and has drawn more Unionist hardliners into some acceptance of an "Irish dimension" in Ulster's future.

More worrying is that the agreement seems to have led British ministers towards a belief that regular links with Dublin, occasional successes over the IRA and the indefinite extension of direct rule together constitute an objective. Ministers used to declare their priority as the ending of direct rule and a return to devolved government. Taxed further, they would add that the longer direct rule lasted, the more enervated (and illicit) would become local politics, the more corrupt the economy and the harder power-sharing would be to achieve.

How right they were. Today, British ministers have moved from the "temporary" accommodation at Stormont to the proconsular splendour of the governor's mansion at Hillsborough. Their objective is now that of British colonialism under pressure down the ages: "the final defeat of terrorism". Victory is always "just around the corner". As for direct rule, the natives are said to prefer it to having their own "third division" in charge instead.

The British government hates descriptions of its role in Ulster as colonial. But as long as Ulster enjoys less autonomy even than an English county, the colonial parallel is applicable. Nowhere in Britain does a government minister directly administer local housing, schools, roads, planning and police. Nowhere in Britain is a bright young Tory minister sent, like a district commissioner of old, to sort out a squabble over the local bus stop.

In the 1980s, Britain had a sensible policy: rolling devolution under a tight security umbrella. Unfortunately, the leaders of both sides of the community were granted a veto over the timing of the agenda. Responsible local leadership was driven from the exercise of power as British ministers took ever more administration into their hands. The resulting shambles of paramilitarism, economic distress, gangsterism and corruption reached its nadir this month in the proposed new legislation against "terrorist funds". The best description of these measures is that they are laws against outlawry, the reduction to absurdity of British direct rule.

Were there easy answers in Northern Ireland, a well-meaning British government would have found them by now. But ministers are running away from harder ones that they or their successors must confront. The entrenchment of direct rule — to some British officials, devolution would be "a victory for the IRA" — is a serious development. The Northern Irish will never be bribed or seduced into taking more responsibility for governing their own society. It must be forced on them, and to a fixed timetable. The cabinet only flatters the IRA by using its actions as an excuse for delay. Mr Major's visit should not have been in vain.

PEKING'S PECKING ORDER

A recent cartoon showed a chicken and an egg at a supermarket check-out. The cashier was asking: who's next? Where *did* the chicken cross the road? In China, perhaps, whence comes news this week of what looks like a feather-brained initiative in matters fowl. A flock of Chinese pioneer chickens is being fitted with rose-tinted lenses.

This is not to give them a rosier outlook on life in Deng's battery. The aim is to test a theory that a rosy outlook produces more eggs. According to China's *Farmer's Daily* — required reading down on the collective farm — the hope is that red lenses will calm the chickens, increase their egg-laying and, in a notable coup against revisionist tendencies, "effectively correct the chickens' bad habit of pecking their anuses".

Gao Jinyuan, the manager of a test chicken farm in the coastal city of Hangzhou, is reportedly hopeful that the experiment could increase egg production by 6 per cent. In China, that is a lot of eggs. There is, however, a dearth of information about how these lenses will be fitted. Are they contact lenses? If so, the calm induced by their rosy hue could be cancelled out by the stress induced by the propensity of lenses to fall out, usually two minutes before the wearer leaves for the ballet.

Admittedly chickens are not often seen at the ballet. But human and animal behaviour has many similarities, so the vision of a chicken scrabbling about in search of a lost contact lens, with one claw clapped over an eye and clucking foul language, will be familiar enough to those who live with lens wearers. "Why did the chicken not choose spectacles?" becomes the real question.

To any spectacle-wearer in the habit of nodding, the answer is obvious. Chickens suffer acutely from this habit, their legs synchronised with their heads in a constant rhythmic dance. In the case of humans, God has favoured opticians by designing ears that accommodate spectacles amid all but the most vigorous sycophantic nodding. The ears of chickens are flimsy things.

At which point the overwhelming question must be asked: does anybody high in the pecking order of Europe's common agricultural policy read China's *Farmer's Daily*? He (or she) will now. Chinese chickens parading in designer specs must tempt any British farmer to apply for a lens subsidy with an eye to an egg mountain. But avaricious rustics should be warned. We understand there is British legislation in place which frowns upon the fitting of spectacles to chickens — for "welfare reasons". This answers the timeless question. Before either the chicken or the egg came the bureaucrat, no doubt wearing rose-tinted spectacles.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Steps towards a 'new world order'

From Mr W. B. Adlard

Sir, Michael Howard ("Think hard on total war", February 19) asks whether President Bush is set on a "total war of overthrow", but he does not seem to appreciate fully the combination of legal and military considerations which determined the Allies' response to initiatives from Baghdad.

Above all, this war is a war for the rule of law. UN resolution 660, which has the force of law, requires unconditional withdrawal. None of the members of the alliance can therefore give their approval to anything less or they compromise the rule of law.

If the rule of law is upheld this time a precedent of the utmost importance for international relations will have been established which may lay the foundation for a future era of co-operation and respect for law among nations. This, I believe, is what President Bush means by a "new world order", not the re-shaping of the Middle East to suit US interests.

There are many important issues in the Middle East to be discussed. But it would be wholly unlawful for Saddam Hussein to be permitted to attempt to influence the outcome or even the holding of negotiations by his relying on a continued presence in Kuwait or by delaying or prolonging his departure. He is entitled to no better bargaining position in seeking such negotiations than if he had never invaded Kuwait in the first place.

Assurances about the territorial integrity of Iraq, non-interference in its internal affairs and non-continuance of economic sanctions (other than for military hardware) after withdrawal could and should be given, consistently with the Security Council resolutions. In reality, this amounts to no more than a restoration, as far as possible, of the status quo ante. But all other issues ought to be deferred until after Iraq is out of Kuwait.

Whether the military means being employed towards that end are excessive cannot be evaluated until the full picture has emerged, including Iraqi brutality in Kuwait. But it has to be remembered that there is no easy route to the quick and decisive expulsion of Iraq from Kuwait which must be assured.

I remain, Sir, yours faithfully,
WILLIAM ADLARD,
1 Gray's Inn Square, WC1.
February 19.

From Ms Scilla Elworthy

Sir, We British have an affinity for the use of sporting metaphors. The goalposts, when British soldiers were first sent to the Gulf, were to stop Saddam Hussein invading Saudi Arabia. When more soldiers were sent, the goalposts were moved to driving his army out of Kuwait. Saddam Hussein is now ready to withdraw his army from Kuwait. If the British government rejects this offer, or refuses to negotiate, the goalposts are being moved once again.

But this is not a game. The price of moving the goalposts a third time will be hundreds, possibly thousands, of British soldiers incinerated in their tanks, and blown to pieces by mines. A wise coach would blow the whistle before carnage on the field sends the supporters away in mourning.

Yours faithfully,
SCILLA ELWORTHY,
32 Warnborough Road, Oxford.
February 22.

From Rear-Admiral E. S. J. Larken

Sir, This war, like most wars (and certainly the Falklands, in which I served), is a consequence of political failure, and there is therefore a delicate political balance to be struck between not humiliating the loser excessively whilst making it excellently clear who has won.

Arab susceptibilities being both acute and complex, judgments now will be extraordinarily difficult. But insurance against future political breakdowns is vital, associated with the need both to sustain sufficient armed forces and to foster international will against outlaw activity.

Mankind must not lose the stomach to right single-mindedly fundamental wrongs, even if this can only be done at very high human and environmental cost. In a world policed weakly, burglars and bullies will flourish: "Pale Ebenezer thought it wrong to fight, but Roaring Bill (who killed him) thought it right."

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,
JEREMY LARKEN,
Commonwealth Trust,
18 Northumberland Avenue, WC2.

From Mr Philip Dixon

Sir, The United Nations Security Council resolution 660 refers to "withdrawal" without adequate definition of that action. Could I raise one pertinent factor that should not be overlooked, that is, the removal of mines laid by the Iraqis.

There are large areas of Kuwait which will have to be sterilised because of mines, difficult to locate. Someone will have to be trained to destroy or defuse these, with the least risk to life or limb. Otherwise hundreds of returning Kuwaitis will be at risk for years to come.

Those who, like myself, lost limbs in this process, and I have seen hundreds in limb centres around the world being fitted with inadequate replacements, are anxious not to enlarge our club membership.

Yours sincerely,
PHILIP DIXON
(Chairman of Council),
World Veterans Federation,
16 rue Hamelin,
Paris 75116, France.

From Mr Julian Seymour

Sir, I believe that you are prevented for reasons of military security from reporting the daily temperatures and weather forecasts for the Gulf.

As these details are highlighted daily in the special war section of *The New York Times*, might the Ministry of Defence consider a review of this absurd restriction?

Yours faithfully,
JULIAN SEYMOUR,
Rest Harrow, Sandwich Bay,
Sandwich, Kent.

Motorway habits

From Dr G. J. Cresswell

Sir, Mr R. M. Worcester (February 15) dismisses as "frightening" the 13 per cent of respondents to a national survey of motoring habits who believe that "speed limits don't mean much and drivers should judge for themselves what speed is acceptable".

But such a belief is wholly justified. No sound and logical mind would deduce the maximum safe speed to be the same on a dry empty motorway in the middle of the night as on the same road in icy and foggy conditions in the rush hour. If you make intellectually insupportable or arbitrary rules you must not be surprised when people ignore them totally or obey arbitrarily.

This is why Mr Worcester is overtaken so frequently and why, even in fog, a minority of drivers continue to drive at the arbitrary speed limit — behaviour which is described (reasonably) as "motorway madness" and received (unreasonably) with incredulity.

All arbitrary speed limits should be abolished and, instead, the offence of dangerous driving (with its associated severe penalties) should be expanded to include driving at a speed from which it is not possible to stop within the distance which can be seen to be clear. If you treat people as adults they usually respond accordingly. If you treat them as children they always do so.

Yours faithfully,
G. J. CRESSWELL,
The Old Pump House, Kilmeston,
Alresford, Hampshire.

Then and now

From Mr Gordon Craig

Sir, Towards the conclusion of a history lesson, I asked my class to consider whether they knew of any current conflict caused by one state wishing to expand its territory by war, as did Rome in its early history. According to your report (February 13), this practice will be prohibited by Mr Kenneth Clarke as from next year. I cannot see why a distinction between history and current affairs is either necessary or desirable.

Yours sincerely,
GORDON CRAIG,
5 Arscott, Pontesford,
Shrewsbury, Shropshire.

Unsporting behaviour?

From Mr G. A. Goodeve

Sir, Nottinghamshire education authority have banned the advertising of examination and sports successes by schools (Education Noticeboard, February 11). I wonder what benchmarks parents should use when judging which school child(ren) should attend. Certainly examination results, whilst not the only factor, form an essential part of the judgment of most parents.

Yours faithfully,
G. A. GOODEVE,
Gray Ella,
319 Outwood Common Road,
Billericay, Essex.

Leader's departure

From Councillor M. Caplan and others

Sir, Dame Shirley Porter's decision to stand down as leader of Westminster City Council (report, February 21) implied that she had come under pressure from some of her colleagues, in particular those elected for the first time in the Conservative victory last year, to resign. A number of her colleagues did their best to persuade her to stay on. That they were unsuccessful is a matter of great regret and to none more than those, like ourselves, who were elected for the first time last May.

Yours faithfully,
MELVYN CAPLAN,
SIMON BROCKLEBANK-FOWLER,
ANDREAS GLEDHILL,
MARTIN JIGGENS,
NICHOLAS MARKHAM,
Westminster City Hall,
Victoria Street, SW1.

Risk to game shows

From Mr Richard Bridge and Mrs Shelley Lane

Sir, Having been involved in the game show format rights campaign, we are glad that Mr Michael Brown (February 12) accepts that these formats are inadequately protected against copying.

Existing forms of intellectual property law certainly do not provide this protection. Confidentiality, for example, protects only until public disclosure; broadcasts of a format must amount to such disclosure.

"Passing off" (the tort of misrepresenting your products as someone else's) is a vague and uncertain area of law — it remains uncomfortably possible for a copyist adequately to distinguish his product from the original merely by changing the compere, title and channel — and as the result of a Privy Council decision in July 1989 on *Opportunity Knocks* [(1989) 2AER 1056] copyright, too, is virtually a dead letter for these purposes.

Because increased competition in broadcasting encourages copying (which is cheap) of proven formats (which are remunerative), a clear format right is needed in the UK as well as abroad. The only way now to confer certainty is by statute.

A reciprocal statutory right by which the UK refuses to protect works from countries which do not protect UK works would provide a powerful incentive to create international protection. Such a right might assist the evolution of common law in this area.

Yours sincerely,
R. McD. BRIDGE,
SHELLEY LANE,
Bridge Wolsey (Solicitors),
Mimosa House,
809 Fulham Road, SW6.
February 14.

Shedding light on community forests

From the Director General of the Countryside Commission

Sir, I fear there are some gaps in Marion Shoard's understanding of the thinking behind the new programme of community forests announced last week ("Woodman, spare us this cash demand", February 16). Most of the areas which have been identified are degraded environments. The "countryside" south of Tyneside, east of Dagenham and in the Bedfordshire brickfields are the kinds of depressing areas which community forests will transform into places which give pleasure to people, create new habitats for wildlife and make "green" belts truly green.

The planting will *not* be wall-to-wall conifers but mixed broadleaf and conifers with open country between. Woven into the community forests will be a rich variety of landscapes, including woodland, farmland, heathland, flower-filled meadows and lakes — indeed the very kinds of landscape which Ms Shoard suggests that people like to visit.

Conservation of the English countryside is not only about protecting what is best in the landscape we have inherited; it is also about investing in the landscape of the future. Community forests offer an exciting opportunity to remedy the past abuse of the environments around our cities — for the long-term benefits of both people and nature.

Yours faithfully,
ADRIAN PHILLIPS,
Director General,
Countryside Commission,
John Dower House,
Crescent Place,
Cheltenham,
Gloucestershire.
February 18.

From Dr D. J. L. Harding

Sir, I was sorry to see Marion Shoard perpetuating certain myths about forests and global warming. Trees, like all green plants, trap carbon dioxide from the atmosphere, but also return some through respiration; if there is a surplus of carbon it is used for the growth of tissues, sequestering being particularly effective in long-lived trunks, branches and major roots.

Eventually, after a century or so, net gain ceases, the trees' respiratory contribution being increasingly supplemented by the release of CO_2 from dead tissues by decomposers or by forest fires. An unmanaged forest, with a balance of age-classes, is carbon-neutral: that fixed by growth is balanced by death and decay.

New plantings can help to absorb some of the extra CO_2 emanating from the burning of fossil fuels or the destruction of forests, but only so long as the carbon is locked up, whether as standing trunks, as durable timber products or as humus. Unless rising sea levels lead to carboniferous-type swamps, Ms Shoard's scenario of conversion to coal is so much hot air.

Yours faithfully,
D. J. L. HARDING,
Wolverhampton Polytechnic,
School of Applied Sciences,
Wulfruna Street, Wolverhampton.
February 18.

From Mrs Michael Hughes-Hallett

Sir, Wordsworth might well have endorsed Marion Shoard's argument. In his 1810 *Guide to the Lakes*, after some sharpish strictures on "those who plant for profit", the poet speaks of the contrast between the "joint work of Nature and time" and the

> disheartening necessities, restrictions, and disadvantages, under which the artificial planter must proceed . . . In the first place his trees, however well chosen and adapted to their several situations, must generally start all at the same time; and this necessity would of itself prevent that fine connexion of parts, that sympathy and organisation . . . which pervades the whole of a natural wood.

Yours faithfully,
PENELOPE HUGHES-HALLETT,
Barton Old Rectory,
Moreton-in-Marsh,
Gloucestershire.
February 16.

Graceful old age for rural churches

From Mrs E. G. Benians

Sir, The report published by the Bishop of Norwich's commission on Norfolk churches (details, February 16) suggests that where one or two families are able to keep open a church this should be enough to revive it in the future. Presumably this policy is to be encouraged. It is disconcerting to find that where this has actually taken place there should be attempts to stifle opportunities for public worship.

I know of one small, isolated medieval church in this diocese, All Saints, Rackheath, which was somewhat precipitately declared redundant, although much sought after as a place of quiet contemplation. It was featured in the "Change and Decay" exhibition at the Victoria and Albert Museum in 1977, since when a group of volunteers, with the help of various charities, private subscriptions and world-wide contacts (particularly Americans of local descent) have restored it to its former beauty and dignity.

The group worked amazingly hard for the fabric and, aware of their inheritance and responsibility for the future, arranged for Evensong once a month, together with occasional services at the great church festivals and the use once or twice each year by the scattered Roman Catholic community.

This seems not to have affected the neighbouring churches: services are traditional and conducted by clergy, young curates to retired deans, who give of their leisure time, and occasionally by a group in accordance with the rubrics of the Prayer Book.

Now, at the beginning of this so-called "Decade of Evangelism", the rector of the parish in which All Saints is located has recommended to the church's management committee that public worship must be limited to four "events" in the year.

It is most disturbing that, when membership of the church has declined and the nation is so spiritually impoverished, anybody should attempt to restrict the opportunities for worship.

Yours faithfully,
ELISABETH BENIANS,
26 Victoria Street,
Sheringham, Norfolk.
February 16.

From Mr Gordon Ridgewell

Sir, The report by the Bishop of Norwich's commission, advocating that medieval churches should be allowed to grow old gracefully instead of being converted to other uses, is to be welcomed.

As they go back to nature our medieval churches develop unexpected charm and symbolise man's relationship to nature. As one whose eye is sensitive to the charms of certain forms of decay I have noted with dismay how conversions of some of our historic buildings have resulted in the loss of that one quality that has made them so venerable — the effect of age.

Yours faithfully,
GORDON RIDGEWELL,
53 The Wick, Hertford.
February 18.

Waiting at hospitals

From Dr R. S. Lenfestey

Sir, The National Audit Office, in its report (details, February 15) criticised, among other things, the time a patient has to wait in the clinic before he sees a doctor. I am such a doctor, a medical registrar, and some of the criticism as it has been reported today is unfair.

It is true that patients do have to wait, sometimes a considerable length of time, in outpatients clinics. It is the practice in the hospital where I work to minimise this time by not overbooking the clinics, but sometimes a wait is inevitable.

Doctors have other duties in a hospital, most important of which is attending sick inpatients on the wards. If a ward patient requires urgent attention when a doctor is due in the outpatients' clinic, it is clear that the ward must take priority in order, perhaps, to save that person's life. This increases the waiting time in the clinic.

Patients take a variable amount of time to see in the clinic, depending on the nature and the severity of their problems. This again increases waiting times and it makes sticking to appointments rigidly impossible.

The large numbers of patients attending the outpatients' clinic and the doctors' requirements to be elsewhere in the hospital renders some delay unavoidable, a situation that none of us, doctors, nurses and patients alike, enjoy.

Yours faithfully,
R. S. LENFESTEY,
9 Dale View Close,
Barnston, Wirral, Merseyside.
February 15.

Points of order

From Mr Charles Campbell

Sir, My great grandmother was a reader of *The Times*. She used to look at the births column first and if the first child was a girl, then she would have a good day: it might have been a boy. My system is more complex and probably just as unreliable. I read the anniversaries, and give a score, such as: Hitler born -5 points; Keats born +6 points; Martin Luther died +6; Pascal died -7. If the "goodies" score more than the "baddies" then my day will be fine. Also if I can do 1 across in the crossword immediately without thinking about it, that is a bad sign.

Yours faithfully,
CHARLES CAMPBELL,
44 Trigon Road, SW8.

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COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
February 22: The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh visited Port Regis School, Motcombe Park, Shaftesbury today and were received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Dorset (the Lord Digby) and Lieutenant-General Sir Hugh Cunningham (Chairman of the Board of Governors).

Escorted by Mr David Prichard (Headmaster), Her Majesty, with His Royal Highness, opened the National Centre for Junior Gymnastics and unveiled a commemorative plaque.

Afterwards the Queen, with The Duke of Edinburgh, toured the School and honoured the Headmaster with Her presence at luncheon in Cromer Hall.

The Lady Farnham, Sir Kenneth Scott and Wing Commander David Walker, RAF, were in attendance.

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh were represented by Mr John Henderson (Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for the Royal County of Berkshire) at the Service of Thanksgiving for the Life of Sir Douglas Busk (formerly Her Majesty's Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary at Caracas) which was held in Eton College Chapel this afternoon.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
February 22: The Prince Edward this morning visited the Army Casualty Information and Casualty Procedure Cells and the Royal Fleet Auxiliary Headquarters at Empress State Building, London SW5.

His Royal Highness, President of the Commonwealth Games Federation, this evening attended a reception for the Executive Board at Brooks's, St James's Street, London SW1.

Lieutenant-Colonel Sean O'Dwyer was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
February 22: The Prince of Wales, president of Business in the Community, visited the Cynon Valley, Mid-Glamorgan, to meet young Welsh Business Leaders and the Cynon Valley Business Leadership Team.

Subsequently, His Royal Highness attended a Volunteering seminar where he met local Welsh employers and Swansea Bay Volunteers, in Aberdare.

The Prince of Wales was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Mid-Glamorgan (Mr Murray McLagan).

Mr Guy Salter was in attendance.

Tomorrow's royal engagement

The Duchess of Gloucester will attend a performance of music and drama at the Danish Church, Regent's Park, at 7.55.

Birthdays

TODAY: Mr W.E. Allen, author, 80; the Duke of Beaufort, 63; Lord Ezra, 72; Miss M.I. Farrer, former chairman, Central Midwives Board, 77; Lord Forteviot, 85; Mr Frank Gerstenberg, principal, George Watson's College, Edinburgh, 50; the Earl of Lincoln, 78; Mr Anton Mosimann, chef, 44; Lord St Levan, 72; Sir Christopher Tugendhat, chairman, Civil Aviation Authority, 54; Mr David Ward, former president, Law Society, 54; Dom Aelred Watkin, former headmaster, Downside School, 73.

TOMORROW: Professor George Bain, principal, London Business School, 52; Professor E. Boyland, bio-chemist, 86; Mr Brian Close, cricketer, 60; Dr Lionel Dakers, former director, Royal School of Church Music, 67; Mr Reginald Freeson, former MP, 65; Mr Richard Hamilton, painter, 69; Lord Hazlerigg, 81; Mr Paul Jones, singer and actor, 49; Earl Kitchener of Khartoum, 72; Mr David Langdon, cartoonist and illustrator, 77; Mr Denis Law, footballer, 51; Lord Melchett, 43; Admiral Sir William Pillar, 67; Mr Alain Prost, racing driver, 36; Mr Derek Randall, cricketer, 40; Sir Frank Rogers, deputy chairman, *The Daily Telegraph* and chairman, NPA, 71; Mr Harry Urwin, trades unionist, 76; Sir Edgar Vaughan, diplomat, 84; Mr Dennis Waterman, actor, 43.

Anniversaries

Today
BIRTHS: Samuel Pepys, London, 1633; George Frederick Handel, Halle, Germany, 1685; Meyer Amschel Rothschild, banker, Frankfurt, 1743; George Watts, painter, London, 1817.

DEATHS: Sir Joshua Reynolds, 1st president of the Royal Academy, 1768-92, London, 1792; John Keats, Rome, 1821; Thomas Woodrow Wilson, 28th president of the USA 1913-21, Nobel Peace laureate 1920, Washington, 1924; Dame Nellie Melba, soprano, Sydney, NSW, 1931; Stan Laurel (né Arthur Stanley Jefferson), Santa Monica, California, 1965; L S Lowry, painter, Glossop, Derbyshire, 1976; Sir Adrian Boult, conductor, Kent, 1983.

The Cato Street conspiracy was uncovered, 1820.

Tomorrow
BIRTHS: Charles Le Brun, painter, Paris, 1619; James Quin, actor, London, 1692/3; Wilhelm Grimm, historian and folklore collector, Hanau, Germany, 1786; Winslow Homer, painter, Boston, Massachussetts, 1836; George Moore, novelist, Ballyglass, Co Mayo, 1852; Arnold Dolmetsch, musician, Le Mans, 1858.

DEATHS: Henry Cavendish, physicist and chemist, London, 1810; Robert Fulton, pioneer of the steamboat, New York, 1815; Thomas Bowdler, self-appointed censor of Shakespeare, Swansea, 1825; Edmund Armstrong, poet, Kingstown, Ireland, 1865.

Dinners

Agricultural Law Association
Mr Alan Lennon, President of the Agricultural Law Association, presided at the annual dinner held last night at the Inner Temple. Mr Peter Langdon-Davies also spoke.

Cardiff Business Club The President of the Cardiff Business Club, Sir Idwal Pugh, Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for South Glamorgan, Captain Norman Lloyd-Edwards, the Right Hon the Lord Mayor of Cardiff, Councillor John Smith, the Vice Chairman of South Glamorgan County Council, County Councillor I Dewar, the Honorary Recorder of Cardiff, His Honour Judge Michael Gibbon, were present at a dinner held by the Club at the Royal Hotel, Cardiff, last night. The guest speaker was the Right Hon Sir Tasker Watkins, Deputy Chief Justice, and the High Sheriff of South Glamorgan and Chairman of the Club, Mr Brian K Thomas, presided.

Oxford University
The Vice-Chancellor of Oxford University, Sir Richard Southwood, President of Campaign for Oxford, gave a dinner last night for members of the President's Committee at Magdalen College. Among those present were:

His Excellency Hisashi Owada, Viscount and Viscountess Eccles, Lord Windlesham, Lord Goodman, Lord Rees-Mogg, Sir Ashley Ponsonby, Bt, Sir Alec Cairncross, Sir Charles Chadwyck-Healey, Sir Richard Evans, Sir Martin Jacomb, Sir Frank Kitson, Dame Iris Murdoch, Sir Crispin Tickell, Sir Robert Wade-Gery, Sir Fred Warner, Sir David Wills, Mr Laurence Bachmann, Mr Anthony Cleaver, Mr David Cooksey, Mr David Lloyd-Jacob, Mr John Mortimer, Mr John Raisman, Mr John Sanders, Mr Richard Smethurst, Mr Anthony Smith and Mr David Vaisey, Mr Peter White.

Service dinners

The Royal Hampshire Regiment
The Bishop of Portsmouth attended a dinner given last night at Serle's House, Winchester, by the Colonel and Officers of The Royal Hampshire Regiment.

Royal Army Pay Corps
Officers of the Royal Army Pay Corps held a Ladies' dinner night in the Headquarters Mess at Worthy Down last night. The principal guests, the Very Rev T.R. and Mrs Beeson, General Sir John and Lady Stibbon, General Sir David Ramsbotham, Major-General and Mrs S. Cowan, Major-General and Mrs B.M. Bowen, Major and Mrs D.F. Covill, Mr and Mrs D.D. Durban and Lady Cheshire, were received by Major-General and Mrs P.S. Bray.

Dame Margot Fonteyn de Arias

A book of condolence for Dame Margot Fonteyn de Arias will be open for signature at the Embassy of Panama, 119 Crawford Street, W1H 1AF, from Monday, February 25, until Friday, March 1, from 11am to 3pm.

Pilots honoured

A memorial is to be erected to the hundreds of British, Commonwealth and Allied airmen who died in missions from the former RAF station at Martlesham Heath near Ipswich, Suffolk. The site is now a business park but the original barrack block, sergeants' mess and station headquarters survive. The memorial will be dedicated on June 16.

Mountbatten Festival of Music

The Princess of Wales attended the annual Mountbatten Festival of Music, given by the Massed Bands of Her Majesty's Royal Marines, in the Albert Hall on February 20. The concerts were also held on February 21 and 22, when the principal guests were the Countess Mountbatten of Burma, the Hon Timothy Knatchbull, Sir Michael Quinlan, Permanent Under Secretary of State for the Ministry of Defence, and Lady Quinlan. The concerts were compered by Mr Desmond Carrington and Miss Susannah Simons.

The festival, in aid of the Malcolm Sargent Cancer Fund for Children, Royal Naval, Royal Marines and other Service and civilian charities, provides a continuing tribute to the late Admiral of the Fleet The Earl Mountbatten of Burma, formerly Life Colonel Commandant of the Royal Marines. The Commandant General Royal Marines, Lieutenant General Sir Henry Beverley, and Lady Beverley were the hosts. The guests were:

The Minister of State for Defence Procurement and Mrs Clark, Admiral Sir Julian and Lady Oswald, Mr and Mrs Moray Stewart, General Sir David and Lady Ramsbotham, Air Marshal Sir Michael and Lady Graydon, Air Marshal Sir Kenneth Hayr, Mrs Prudence Ross, Sir Peter and Lady Cazalet, Sir Kirby and Lady Laing, Chief Constable and Mrs John Reddington, Rear-Admiral and Mrs David Lammiman, Rear-Admiral Jeremy Larken and Commandant Anthea Larken, Rear-Admiral and Mrs Christopher Morgan, Major-General and Mrs John Owen, Major-General and Mrs Brian Pennicott, Commodore and Mrs Brian Goodson, Commodore Jeremy Blackham, Commodore Peter Grindal, Brigadier and Mrs Peter Bowser.

Brigadier-General and Mrs Colin Curleigh, Canon and Mrs Timothy Hine, the Right Rev Mgr Gerard Lavender, the Very Rev William Baddeley, the Rev Samuel and Mrs Williams, Captain and Mrs Brian Adams, Captain and Mrs Christopher Carson, Captain and Mrs Douglas Lewis, Captain Terence Loughran, Miss P M Vernon, the American Naval Attaché and Mrs Peter Baxter, Colonel and Mrs Thomas Seccombe, Colonel and Mrs David Lewis, Colonel Michael Lowe, Colonel Richard Preston, the American Assistant Naval Attaché and Mrs Robert Evasick, Colonel Donald Gresely, USMC, and Mrs Gresely, Mr John Oughton, Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Vivian and Lady Dunn, Major and Mrs Peter Jennings, Squadron Leader David Barton, Miss Sylvia Darley, Mr and Mrs Brian Ashby.

Mr David Ayliott, Mr and Mrs Richard Cox, Dr Jill Clough, Mr and Mrs Nicholas Jones, Mr James Lloyd and Miss Frances Line, Mr and Mrs Derek Martin, Mr and Mrs Richard Sturt, Mr Richard Taylor, Mrs George West, the Master of the Worshipful Company of Armourers and Braziers and Mrs Hale, the Master of the Worshipful Company of Plaisterers and Mrs Dalrymple, the Master of the Worshipful Company of Stationers and Newspaper Makers and Mrs Corrigan and the Master of the Worshipful Company of Musicians and Mrs Lockett.

OBITUARIES

ERIC HOSKING

Eric Hosking, OBE, photographer, ornithologist and broadcaster, died on February 22 aged 81. He was born on October 2, 1909.

ERIC Hosking enjoyed a worldwide reputation as a wildlife photographer. He was the first British professional wildlife photographer and for over half a century his bird photographs in particular have delighted naturalists and ornithologists alike while providing inspiration to aspiring nature photographers.

His expeditions took him from the Antarctic to India and from the Arctic to the Kalahari desert and his many publications, not least of bird photography, won him wide acclaim. His broadcasting, which included participation in early television as well as frequent radio contributions, increased his popularity further.

Hosking was educated at the Stationers' Company School, and at the age of six he had already taken his first nature photograph of a song-thrush's nest and eggs. He had no doubt that he wanted to devote his life to natural history and photography; but his parents felt the motor industry would provide a more secure career. Ironically, four years later, in 1929, his employers went bankrupt and Eric Hosking found himself unemployed. Shortly afterwards, a Fleet Street friend commissioned him to photograph a baby elephant seal at London Zoo. So began his entry into the world of press photography and in 1932 his first book *Friends at the Zoo* was published.

However, Hosking's heart was in wildlife photography and it was appropriately George Bird who initiated him in the technique of bird photography. Even so, in the early days, Hosking had to supplement his income with child and wedding photography. One of his first cameras was a quarter plate model purchased from Farringdon Street market for seven shillings and six pence (37½p). He was, however, never slow to try out new equipment and techniques. Many of his experiences are recalled in his autobiography *An Eye for a Bird* published in 1970 where he relates how he overloaded a tray with magnesium powder to photograph a tawny owl at night. The flash produced such a huge explosion that the tree caught fire, with the result that the local fire brigade appeared on the scene. It was another tawny owl who robbed him of the sight of his left eye, but even after this experience he maintained his lifelong passion for owls.

Hosking pioneered several flash techniques for bird photography, initially with bulbs and later using high speed electronic flash. He set up a photo-electric trigger so that the flying bird automatically triggered the camera and fired the flash.

One of his most famous flight pictures — taken in 1948 — depicts a barn owl in flight with its wings held up in an heraldic pose. This has appeared in publications in more than 100 countries. He also used the photo-electric device to photograph rare bats in flight and these pictures first appeared in *The Times*. Much later, in 1967, when the first pair of snowy owls nested on Setlar in the Shetland Isles, the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB) invited Hosking to record this historic event and these pictures were also published in *The Times*.

When Hosking married Dorothy Sleigh in 1939, he not only gained a wife but also a wonderful supporter of his photography and companion for many of his trips. In fact, their honeymoon was spent in the Scottish Highlands where she assisted with the photography of a nesting golden eagle.

Until 1953 Hosking was content to devote his time to photographing British wildlife, publishing books, lecturing and broadcasting, but when Guy Montfort invited him to be the photographic director on his expedition to the Coto Doñana in Spain, so began the first of many of them overseas. Only five days before his death, Hosking was photographing on safari in East Africa. His photographic achievements have been recognised many times over by the Royal Photographic Society — with a fellowship in 1934, an honorary fellowship in 1967 and its highest award, the Progress Medal, in 1989. He was a vice-president of the RPS and also of the RSPB.

In spite of his many commitments, Hosking always found time to pass on his experience to other photographers. To the end, he had an acute eye for a nature picture and likewise he did not mince words when he saw a photograph with shortcomings. Eric Hosking leaves a priceless legacy. Unquestionably, his photographs are a most important contribution to the history of wildlife photography. He will always be remembered for his cheerful personality and good sense of humour.

He is survived by his wife Dorothy and his daughter Margaret and two sons, Robin and David — himself a wildlife photographer.

ENRIQUE BERMÚDEZ

Enrique Bermúdez Varela, military chief of the Contra army in Nicaragua, was assassinated on February 16 in Managua aged 58. He was born in Leon, Nicaragua, on December 11, 1932.

AS MILITARY chief of the Contra army Enrique Bermúdez was closely associated with the political and armed struggle against the Sandinista government in Nicaragua for much of the 1980s.

Enrique Bermúdez was born into a family of modest means and joined the National Guard as a 17 year old. A graduate of the Nicaraguan military academy, he also received military training in the United States and Panama, and studied engineering in Brazil. As a young officer, he participated in the United States-led intervention in the Dominican Republic in 1965 and was eventually posted as Nicaraguan military attaché in Washington. He was out of the country during the civil war which ousted President Anastasio Somoza in 1979.

Bermúdez was vocal in his criticism of the abuses which characterised much of Somoza's last year of power. This stance was recognised by the Carter administration. When President Carter sought to force Somoza to resign in 1979, United States diplomats recommended Bermúdez as an acceptable interim military commander.

The Sandinista seizure of power in July 1979 was welcomed both in Nicaragua and internationally. Within months, however, increasing numbers of Nicaraguans, including many of those prominent in the struggle against Somoza, saw the Nicaraguan revolution souring as the Sandinistas began building a marxist state. Bermúdez was associated from its earliest days with the resistance to the Sandinista state, forming the Fuerza Democratica Nicaraguense (Nicaraguan Democratic Force) in August 1981, and creating and ultimately commanding its military wing.

For the next eight years he commanded the force which would become known as the Contras in the armed struggle against the increasingly repressive Sandinista government. Under Bermúdez, the Nicaraguan Democratic Resistance forces grew from 2,000 combatants to well over 20,000 men and women under arms, and began to receive United States diplomatic and military assistance. Unlike other Contra leaders he chose to live among his combatants, sharing their particularly gruelling life in remote camps along the Nicaraguan-Honduran border. Accusations of human rights violations were levelled at the Contras and in an attempt to address this issue he introduced a system of monitoring, though this was difficult to enforce and did not satisfy all parties.

Bermúdez masterminded a series of guerrilla offensives in 1987, 1988 and 1989. Aimed at the Sandinista military and economic infrastructure, these offensives played a pivotal role in forcing the Sandinista government to the negotiating table, and ultimately to hold the elections early last year which ousted them from power.

Bermúdez returned to Nicaragua after the election victory of President Violeta Chamorro. He became increasingly involved in trying to secure and implement government guarantees made to demobilise Contra forces. It was immediately after a meeting on these issues with the minister of the interior in Managua last week that he was assassinated by an unknown gunman.

He is survived by his wife Elsa, and three children.

MARGOT FONTEYN

Professor Sir Frederick Holliday writes:

DAME Margot Fonteyn was appointed Chancellor of Durham University in 1982. She was installed at a breathtaking ceremony in Durham Cathedral. At that ceremony, and on later visits to Durham, she was accompanied by Tito, her husband. When offered the position of chancellor her first words were: "I must consult Tito"; and her devotion to him was apparent to all in Durham.

She was a great chancellor; her installation speech, delivered without notes and seemingly plucked from the air of the cathedral, took most of the academics by surprise. They had not appreciated that one whose life had been devoted to visual communication could be so passionately fluent in the cause of education. That speech, the first of many delivered impromptu within the university, set the tone for her period of office. She brought grace, dignity, commitment, professionalism and a sense of international presence to the many congregation ceremonies over which she officiated. Her stage training and excellent memory added to those occasions; she listened carefully to each name called by the deans as students came forward for their degrees; she then greeted each student by first name and congratulated them. She had a a special word for any handicapped students; always with Tito's situation in mind. Latterly, when she was herself in pain and when she had lost her beloved Tito her plea to the students to show "tenacity" in the face of life's setbacks was moving in the extreme.

She had a strong sense of purpose and hated fudging issues. She many times read the lesson in Durham Cathedral in her characteristically clear and carefully enunciated way; she sought always for the meaning of the lesson and took delight in mildly editing a verse to make its meaning clear. She was detected in that by the finely tuned ear of Michael Ramsay, former Archbishop of Canterbury, who said that he approved of her new translation. Margot came to love Durham Cathedral and always prayed for Tito there.

She had a vast range of knowledge, much of it gained in order to live more easily with Tito. After his death she continued his cattle breeding interests and would talk knowledgeably to farmer and vet friends of AI, hybrid vigour and the ratio of calf size to cow size in promoting easy birth and neonatal survival.

She relaxed in Durham's family atmosphere, conversed easily with students and staff, was fascinated by the academic work of the university and never, apparently, out of her intellectual depth. This great ballerina became a deep-thinking, committed and inspiring university chancellor.

Memorial services

Sir Douglas Busk
The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh were represented by Mr J.R. Henderson, Lord Lieutenant of Berkshire, at a service of thanksgiving for the life of Sir Douglas Busk held yesterday in Eton College Chapel. The Rev J.S. Witheridge, Conduct of Eton College, officiated and Lord Charteris of Amisfield, provost, read the lesson.

Dr W.E.K. Anderson, head master, read from the works of J.C. Smuts and Hilton Brown. Mr T.S.B. Card, vice-provost, read the conclusion of *Four Quartets* by T.S. Eliot. The Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs was represented by Sir Donald Logan and the Permanent Under-Secretary of State and Head of the Diplomatic Service by Mr John Rich.

Dr Brian Enright
Viscount Ridley, Chancellor of the University of Newcastle upon Tyne, attended a Mass of thanksgiving for the life of Dr Brian Enright held yesterday in St Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle. Father John Breen, university chaplain, was the principal celebrant, assisted by Canon Alec Barrass, Father Michael Corbett, Father Robert Spence, Father Aidan Pickering and Father Thomas Powell.

Mrs Jillian Taylor-Roe, assistant librarian, Robinson Library, Newcastle University, read *Duncton Hill* by Hilaire Belloc and Professor Hugh Berrington, chairman of the library committee, read the lesson. Professor Laurence Martin gave an address.

Receptions

HM Government
Mr Michael Forsyth, Minister of State at the Scottish Office, was host at a reception given by Her Majesty's Government last night in Stirling Castle for employees of the Forth Valley Health Board.

HM Government
Mr J. Allan Stewart, Minister for Industry and Local Government at the Scottish Office, was host at a reception given by Her Majesty's Government last night at Bute House, Edinburgh, for enterprise and education advisers.

Church services tomorrow

Second Sunday in Lent

CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL: 8 HC: 9.30 M. 11 S Euch. Canterbury Mass (Moore). O vos omnes (Victoria). Rev P G C Brett: 3.15 E. Responses (Holmes). Bairstow in D. Drop drop slow tears (Walton): 6.30 Sermon & Compline. Dr C A Lewis.

YORK MINSTER: 8. 8.45 HC: 10 S Euch. Litany (Loosemore). Missa Cantuariensis (Moore). Ven L Stanbridge: 11.30 M. Responses (Aylewarde). The Lamentation (Bairstow). Benedictus in A (Stanford): 4 E. Jackson in G minor. Civitas Sancti tui (Byrd). Very Rev J Southgate.

ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL: 8 HC: 10.30 M. Responses (Tomkins). Ashfield in F. Stanford in C. Ven G Cassidy: 11.30 HC. Mass for five voices (Byrd). O Lord increase our faith (Loosemore): 3.15 E. The Service on Plainsong Tones (Willis). Like as the hart (Howells). Canon J Robson.

WESTMINSTER ABBEY: 8 HC: 10 M. Canon A Harvey: 11.15 Abbey Euch. Rev P Ferguson: 3 E. Rev Dr L Green: 5.45 Organ Recital, Richard Moorhouse: 6.30 ES. Rev P Ferguson.

SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL: 9 HC: 11 Euch. Five part mass (Byrd). Turn back O man (Holst). Lent prose (Plainsong). Canon P Penwarden: 3 E. Wise in F. The Lord is my shepherd (Berkeley). Rev N Worn.

WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL: 7. 8. 9. 10.30 SM. Mass in G minor (Vaughan Williams). Ne irascaris Domine (Byrd). Civitas sancti tui (Byrd). 12. 5.30. 7: 2.30 Organ recital, Iain Simcock: 3.30 V & B. Magnificat primi toni (Mawby). Super flumina Babylonis (Palestrina).

ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL, Southwark: 8. 10 (Children's Mass). 6 LM: 11.30 HM. Missa brevis (Gabrieli). O taste and see (Vaughan Williams). Fr A Barrah.

GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL OF THE DIVINE WISDOM, Moscow Rd. W2: 9.30 M: 11 Divine Liturgy.

RUSSIAN ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL OF THE DORMITION OF THE MOTHER OF GOD, Ennismore Gdns. SW7: 10.30 Divine Liturgy.

SERBIAN ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL OF ST SAVVA, Lancaster Rd. W11: 10.30 Divine Liturgy.

THE CHAPEL ROYAL, St James's Palace. 8.30 HC: 11.15 MP. Wash me throughly (Wesley). Rev D T Tonge.

QUEEN'S CHAPEL OF THE SAVOY. WC2: 11 M. Dyson in F. Blessed are they that mourn (Brahms). The Chaplain: 12.30 HC.

GUARDS CHAPEL. Wellington Barracks. SW1: 11 M. Call to Remembrance (anon). Nolo mortem peccatoris (Morley). Canon R Askew. The Blues & Royals: 12 HC.

LINCOLN'S INN CHAPEL: 11.30 MP. Dear Lord and Father of mankind (Parry). Rev F V A Boyse.

TOWER OF LONDON. EC3: 9.15 HC: 11 M. Responses (Ebdon). Jubilate (Brown). Salvator mundi (Blow). Fr R Gould.

TEMPLE CHURCH. Fleet Street. EC4: 8.30 HC: 11.15 HC. Missa brevis (Palestrina). Lord for thy tender mercies' sake (Hilton). O Lord look down from heaven (Battishill). The Master.

ST CLEMENT DANES (RAF Church) WC2: 9 HC: 11 Euch. Coronation Mass (Mozart). Ave verum corpus (Mozart). Rev W J D Sty.

CHAPEL ROYAL, Hampton Court Palace: 8.30 HC: 11 M. Responses (Smith). Plainsong & Fauxbourdons. The Lord is King (Boyce): 3.30 E. Responses (Byrd). Thou O God art praised (Macpherson). Batten in C. O how amiable (Tomkins).

ALL HALLOWS BY THE TOWER: 11 S Euch. Canon P Delaney.

ALL SAINTS, Margaret Street. W1: 8. 5.15 LM: 11 HM. Missa Brevis ([illegible]). O Lord in thy wrath (Gibbons). Rev P McGeary 6 E & B. The Short Service ([illegible]). When David heard (Weelkes). Rev C A Jones.

ALL SOULS. Langham Place. W1: 11 Preb R Bewes. 6.30 Rev Dr J Stott.

CHELSEA OLD CHURCH. Old Church Street. SW3: 8. 12 HC: 10 Children's Service: 11 M. Preb C E L Thomson: 6 E. Preb C E L Thomson.

CHRIST CHURCH. CHELSEA. SW3: 8 HC: 11 S Euch. Rev S Watson.

GROSVENOR CHAPEL. South Audley Street. 8.15 HC. 11 S Euch. Le Roy Kyrie (Taverner). Western Wind Mass (Taverner) Manus tuas Domine (Morales). Fr B Orford.

HOLY TRINITY. Brompton Road. SW7 10.30 Family Service & HC. Mr [illegible] Coates: 6.30 Informal Service, Mr [illegible] Costa.

HOLY TRINITY. Prince Consort Rd. SW7 8.30. 12.05 HC: 11 MP. Dr M Israel.

HOLY TRINITY. Sloane Street. SW1: 8 HC: 11 S Euch. Rev K Yates.

ST ALBAN'S. Brooke St. EC1: 9.30 [illegible] 11 HM. Missa Aeterna Christi Munera (Palestrina). Mrs W Thomas: [illegible] LM.

ST BRIDE'S. Fleet Street. EC4: 11 M Euch. Sumsion in B flat. O hearken [illegible] (Elgar). Canon J Oates: 6.30 E. Responses (Radcliffe). Arnold in A. [illegible] David (Gombert). When David heard (Weelkes). Canon J [illegible].

ST CUTHBERT'S. Philbeach Gardens [illegible] & 10 HC: 11 S Euch. Darke in A [illegible]. Was me throughly from my wickedness (Wesley). Fr Bill.

ST GEORGE'S. Bloomsbury. WC1: 10 [illegible] Communion: 6.30 E.

ST GEORGE'S. Hanover Square. W1: [illegible] HC: 11 S Euch. Four part (Byrd). [illegible] Rector.

ST GILES-IN-THE-FIELDS. St Giles [illegible] St. WC2: 8. 12 HC: 11 MP. Rev [illegible] Taylor: 6.30 EP. Rev G C Taylor.

ST JAMES'S. Muswell Hill. N10: 8 [illegible] 11 HC. Rev G Williams: 6.30 EP.

ST JAMES'S. Piccadilly. W1: 8.30 [illegible] 11 S Euch: 5.45 EP.

ST JAMES'S. Sussex Gardens. W2: 8 [illegible] 10.30 S Euch. Mass (Stravinsky). [illegible] thy face from my sins [illegible]wood). Rev P de Fortis: 6 E. [illegible] in D. Wash me thoroughly [illegible]ley). Rev G Buckle.

ST JOHN'S. Hyde Park Crescent. W2: [illegible] 10 Parish Euch with Children's Church. Rev O Ross: 6.30 Evening Worship. Canon T Birchard.

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST. Holland [illegible] W14: 10 LM: 11 SM. Fr G Bright: [illegible] & B.

ST JOHN THE DIVINE. Vassall Rd. [illegible]: 8 LM: 10 HM. Mass for four voices (Monteverdi). Drop drop slow [illegible] (Walton): 4 E.

ST JOHN'S WOOD CHURCH. NW8: [illegible] 9.30 Parish Communion: 11 S [illegible]. Missa a Quattro Voci (Monteverdi). Hear my prayer (Purcell). Rev [illegible] Walker.

ST LUKE'S. Chelsea. SW3: 8 HC: [illegible]0 MP & HC. Messe Solennelle [illegible]. St John Passion (Bach). [illegible] N Vigers: 6.30 E. Civitas sancti [illegible] (Byrd). Rev D Watson.

ST MARK'S. Regents Park Rd. NW1: [illegible] 10 Family Communion: 11 S [illegible] & Holy Baptism. Ley in E Minor. [illegible] as the hart (Howells). Rev J [illegible].

ST MARGARET'S. Westminster. [illegible] 11 M. Responses (Clucas). Lamentations of the Prophet Jeremiah [illegible]. Deus misereatur (Plainsong). [illegible] let me know mine end (Greene). [illegible] R Holloway: 12.15 HC.

ST MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS. WC2: 8 [illegible] 9.45 Euch. Like as the hart (Howells). Ubi caritas (Duruflé). [illegible] E James: 11.30 Visitors to [illegible] Service. Jubilate Deo (Britten). To thee O Lord (Rachmaninov). [illegible] W Ranchford: 2.45 Chinese [illegible] (EP). Rev G Lee: 6 E Wood in [illegible]. Thou the central orb (Wood): [illegible]. Evening Service. Rev M [illegible]wood.

ST MARY ABBOTS. Kensington. W8: [illegible]30 HC. The Vicar. 9.30 S Euch. [illegible] B Linders: 11.15 M. The Vicar: [illegible] E. The Vicar.

ST MARY'S. Bourne Street. SW1: 9. [illegible] 7 LM: 11 HM. Communion [illegible] (Farrant): 6.15 E & B.

ST MARYLEBONE. Marylebone [illegible] W1 8 HC: 11 Euch. Missa [illegible] (Palestrina). Remember not Lord our offences (Purcell). Rev J Chater: 6.30 E. Rev I Brown.

ST MARY LE-STRAND (WRNS Church). Strand WC2: 11 Sung Communion. Rev E Thompson.

ST MICHAEL'S. Chester Square. SW1: 8.15 HC: 11 HC. Rev J Crossley: 7 ES. The Maistere Team.

ST MICHAEL'S, Cornhill. EC3: 11 M & HC. Litany in Procession (Tallis). Responses (Ebdon). Lamentation (Bairstow). Stainer in E flat. Call to remembrance (Hilton).

ST PAUL'S, Wilton Place, SW1: 8. 9 HC: 11 S Euch. Missa in A (Lotti). Turn Thee unto me O Lord (Boyce). The secret sins (Gibbons). Canon E James.

ST PETER'S. Eaton Square. SW1: 8.15 HC: 10 Family Mass: 11 SM. Missa Brevis (Walton). Emendemus in melius (Byrd). Fr D Tilyer.

ST SIMON ZELOTES. Milner Street. SW3. 8 HC; 11 MP. Cast me not away (Wesley), Rev G James; 6.30 E. Rev G James.

ST STEPHEN'S. Gloucester Road. SW7: 8. 9 LM: 11 SM. A Little Latin Mass (McNair). Vere languores (Victoria). Hide not Thou Thy face (Farrant). Fr C Colven: 6 Stations of the Cross & B.

ST VEDAST, Foster Lane, EC2: 11 SM. The Rector.

THE ANNUNCIATION. Bryanston Street. W1: 10.15 Stations of the Cross: 11 SM. Missa L'hora passa (Viadana). Adoramus te Christe (Nanino): 6 LM & B.

ST COLUMBA'S CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, Pont Street, SW1: 11 Rev W A Cairns: 6.30 Outreach Group.

CROWN COURT CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, Covent Garden, WC2: 11.15, 6.30 Rev H G Ross.

THE ASSUMPTION. Warwick Street. W1: 11 Western Wind Mass (Taverner). Eram quasi agnus (Victoria). Seniores populi (Victoria).

CHURCH OF OUR LADY, Lisson Grove. St John's Wood: 10.45. Missa omnes de orientes (Williams). Emendemus in melius (Morales).

FARM STREET. W1: 7.30. 8.30. 10. 12.15. 4.15. 6.15 LM: 11 HM. Missa Chorale (Jn David). Super flumina babylonis (Palestrina). Ecce tempus idoneum (Tallis).

THE ORATORY. Brompton Road. SW7: 7. 8. 9. 10. 11 Mass. Missa quarti toni (Victoria). Emendemus in melius (Byrd). 12.30. 4.30. 7: 3.30 V & B. Domine Convertere (Lassus).

ST MARY'S. Cadogan Street. SW3: 8.30. 10. 11 Mass. Aeterna Christi Munera (Palestrina). Ave Regina Coelorum (Lotti). O Bone Jesu (Palestrina): 12.15. 6.30.

OUR LADY OF VICTORIES. Kensington High Street. W8: 8.30. 10. 12.30. 6.30 LM: 11.15 SM. Mass for five voices (Byrd). Plorans ploravit (Tallis). Audi benigne (Washington).

AMERICAN CHURCH IN LONDON. Tottenham Court Rd. W1: 11 Rev Ron F Allison.

CITY TEMPLE. Holborn. EC1: 10.30 Rev G Hunter.

HINDE STREET METHODIST CHURCH. W1: 11 Rev L Griffiths: 6.30 Rev P Hoar.

KENSINGTON TEMPLE. (Charismatic). Notting Hill Gate. W11. 9. 11 Wynne Lewis: 2.30 Family Service. Colin Dye: 6.30 'Build Your Throne'. Colin Dye: 9 Late on Sunday.

KENSINGTON URC. Allen Street. W8: 11. 6.30 Rev P Lovett.

REGENT SQUARE URC (Presbyterian/Congregational). Tavistock Place, WC1. 11 Rev R K Scopes: 6.30 Pilgrims Praise.

SALVATION ARMY (Regent Hall). Oxford St W1: 11. 3 (Music). 6.30 Lt M Watson.

ST ANDREW'S URC. Frognal Lane NW3: 11 Rev Dr P Morgan.

ST ANNE AND ST AGNES (Lutheran) Gresham St. EC2: 11 HC. Rev R T England. 7 Service of Music & the Word with Patrick Gardner. Rev W D Swanson.

ST JOHN'S WOOD URC. NW8: 11 Rev Dr D T Jenkins.

WESLEY'S CHAPEL. City Road. EC2: 9.45 HC: 11 Morning Service. Rev P Hulme.

WESTMINSTER CENTRAL HALL (Methodist). SW1: 11 Very Rev M Mayne: 6.30 Rev Dr R J Tudor.

WESTMINSTER CHAPEL. Buckingham Gate. SW1. 11. 6.30 Rev Dr. R T Kendall.

WESTMINSTER MEETING SOCIETY OF FRIENDS (Quakers). 52 St Martins La WC2: 11. Meeting for worship.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr D.S. Alcock and Miss R. Evens
The engagement is announced between David, son of Dr and Mrs N.S. Alcock, of Sowton, Exeter, and Rachel, daughter of the Rev Phil and Mrs Evens, of Tyseley, Birmingham.

Mr J.S. Biazotti and Miss S.L. Barclay
The engagement is announced between Jaime Santoro, youngest son of Senhor Gabriel and Senhora Herminia Santoro Biazotti, of Itapolis, Sao Paulo, Brazil, and Susan Leonora, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs S. Lothian Barclay, of Westerton House, by Balloch, Dumbartonshire.

Mr W.J.S. Carnt and Miss N-L. Cantwell
The engagement is announced between William, only son of the late Mr Richard Carnt, and of Mrs Elizabeth Carter, and stepson of Mr Brian Carter, of New Inn Hall Street, Oxford, and Nicole-Louise, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Thomas Cantwell, of Wellington Square, Chelsea, London.

Mr R.W.P. Lagneau and Miss K.E. Somervell
The engagement is announced between Robert, elder son of Mrs Jane Few Brown and M Michel Lagneau, and Katherine, daughter of Mr Peter Somervell and the late Mrs Somervell.

Mr I.D. Moss and Miss S.M. Hillyer
The engagement is announced between Ian Donald, son of Mr and Mrs Donald Moss, of Steeple Morden, Cambridge, and Sarah Mary, daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Hillyer, of Trevales, Stithians, Cornwall.

Mr P.E.M. Kennelly and Miss S.E. Glessing
The engagement is announced between Paul, only son of Mr and Mrs William Edward Mills Kennelly, of Upper Dicker, Hailsham, and Emma, second daughter of Mr and Mrs John Glessing, of Montague, Hankham, Pevensey, Sussex.

Mr A. Nixon and Miss R. Rutledge
The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of Mr and Mrs John Nixon, of Chilmark, Wiltshire, and Rebecca, youngest daughter of Dr and Mrs E.V. Rutledge, of Anglesea Road, Dublin.

Mr R.J.A. Strike and Miss S.M. Montes
The engagement is announced between Richard, son of Mr and Mrs W.J.B. Strike, of Stockton-on-Tees, and Sarita, daughter of Mr and Mrs Fernando Montes, of London, formerly of La Paz, Bolivia.

Mr I.I. Treder and Miss S.E. Bates
The engagement is announced between Ian, son of Mr and Mrs Jan Treder, of Caversham, Berkshire, and Sarah, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs John Bates, of Oxshott, Surrey.

Mr G.P. Watson and Ms S.A. Guest
The engagement is announced between Gavin Paul, son of Mr and Mrs Stanley Watson, of Knysna, South Africa, and Sibella Anne, daughter of Mr and Mrs James Guest, of East Melbourne, Australia.

Church news

Next Archdeacon Of Northampton: the Rev Michael R Chapman, aged 51, Vicar of Hale, and Rural Dean of Farnham, diocese Guildford, is to be Archdeacon of Northampton, diocese Peterborough.

Other appointments

The Rt Rev Michael Manktelow, Bishop of Basingstoke: to be an Honorary Canon of Winchester Cathedral, same diocese.

The Rev Robert E Anderson, Vicar, Romford St Alban, diocese Chelmsford: to be Vicar, Woodville, diocese Derby.

The Rev Ronald Burrow, Vicar in the Otter Vale team, diocese Exeter: to be Priest-in-charge, Pyworthy w Pancrasweek and Bridgerule, same diocese.

The Rev Andrew Davey, Curate, Holy Trinity w St Matthew, Southwark diocese Southwark: to be Vicar, St Luke, Camberwell, same diocese.

The Rev J Stephen A Hudson, Curate in the Horsham team, diocese Chichester: to be Team Vicar in the Littlehampton and Wick team, same diocese.

The Rev Paul M Jenkins, Dean of Chapel, Repton School: to be Rector, Singleton and Vicar, East Dean and West Dean, diocese Chichester.

The Rev David C Knight, Rector, Little Stanmore, St Lawrence, diocese London: to be Canon Residentiary and Canon Precentor of Chelmsford Cathedral, diocese Chelmsford.

Church in Wales

Diocese of Swansea and Brecon

The Rev Arthur Gordon Lee, Vicar of Cockett, to be Honorary Canon of Brecon Cathedral.

The Rev Idwal Brian Bessant, Rector of Crickhowell with Cwmdu and Tretower, to be Vicar of Llanwrtyd with Llanddulas-in-Tirabad and Eglwys Oen Duw and Llanfihangel Abergwesyn with Llanddewi.

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There is nothing in all creation that will ever be able to separate us from the love of God which is ours through Christ Jesus our Lord.
Romans 8 : 39

BIRTHS

ALUN-JONES - On February 18th, to Deborah (née Harrison) and Jeremy, a son, Thomas William Harrison.

ASHDOWN - On February 20th, to Susan (née Dale) and Giles, a daughter, Philippa.

BRETON - On February 15th, to Sarah and Angus, a daughter, Alexandra, a sister for James and Camilla.

DENT - On February 9th, 1991, in Paris, to Marie and Rupert, a daughter Flavia Mollie.

HONOLUK — On February 19th at the Portland Hospital, to Barb (née Caddy) and John, a daughter Devon Anne. Welcome.

LOWE — On February 19th, to Maggie and John, a son, James Nicholas.

THOMPSON - On Tuesday, February 19th, 1991, at St. Mary's, Paddington, to Jill (née Tandy) and Martin, a daughter, Lucy Jane.

VAN RENSSELAER - On February 20th, to Corinne (née Gueterbock) and Rik, a daughter.

WINDSOR - On February 18th, at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, to Consuelo (née Hogan) and Paul, a son, Benedict Stanham, a brother for Ottilie and Piers.

DEATHS

BENJAMIN - On February 20th, Barbara Alleyne 'Elise Craven' actress, in her 91st year. Adored Ma of Lisa, loved by all her friends. Funeral 3.20pm, Thursday February 28th, Golders Green Crematorium, East Chapel. Cut flowers to the house or donations to the Chest, Heart and Stroke Association, c/o Garstin, 10 Chiltern Street, W1.

COLAHAN - On February 20th, after a long brave fight with cancer, Air Vice Marshal William Edward C.B., C.B.E., D.F.C., beloved husband of Anne. Funeral Catholic Church, Sleaford at 11am, Monday February 25th. Family flowers only, donations to St. Dunstans. Thanksgiving Service at College Chapel, RAF Cranwell in a fortnight.

ELPHICK - On February 19th, Denis Hugh, a beloved husband, father and grandfather, formerly of Gillingham, Dorset and Andover, Hants. Memorial donations to Intensive Care Unit, Royal Berks Hospital, Reading. Enquiries to Funeral Directors 0734 793623.

FANSHAWE - On February 20th, peacefully, Major General George Drew Fanshawe, R.A., in his 90th year. Beloved husband of Betty and loving father of Hew and Elizabeth, father-in-law of Colina and grandfather of Rupert, Natasha and Samantha. Service at Farley Church, Farley, Salisbury, Wilts on Wednesday, February 27th at 11.30 am. Donations, if desired, for the Disabled Living Foundation, c/o Will Case & Partners, 22 Churchfields Road, Salisbury SP2 7NH.

GILLESPIE - At Kirribilli, NSW, Australia, on February 21st 1991, Rollo Franklin Freeth, OBE, O.St.J., Lieutenant-Colonel, formerly of the South Wales Borderers, 24th Foot, Private Secretary to the Governor of New South Wales 1964-74, aged 81, beloved husband of Pat and dear father and grandfather. Funeral in Sydney on Tuesday February 26th.

GRINDLE - On February 20th, suddenly, Captain John Annesley Grindle, C.B.E., J.P., Royal Navy, aged 90 and for 65 years the beloved husband of Joyce: father of Robin and Jeremy, grandfather of Susan, Jennifer, Caroline and Richard and great-grandfather of Simon, Claire and Georgina. Service at St Mary's, Portchester, at 2.30 pm on Wednesday February 27th. No flowers, but donations if desired to SSAFA Queen Elizabeth Street, London SE1 2LP.

GREENING - On February 19th 1991, peacefully, Dorothy Madeline (née Dodds), at the age of 96. She will be sadly missed by all her family. Funeral service at Cambridge City Crematorium at 11am Thursday, February 28th. Any enquiries to: Brian Warner, Cambridge (0223) 240258.

HARGREAVES - On 21st February 1991, at his home in Fallowfield, Manchester, Ruslyn Harold (Lyn), T.D., L.L.B. (Solicitor), after a courageous fight against cancer. Senior partner Hargreaves & Co. Dear husband of Aileen, loving father to Rachel, Mark & Isabel, dear Grandad to Jessica, Jack & Henry. Private committal followed by Thanksgiving service at Ladybarn Methodist Church, Kingswood Rd., Fallowfield, at 1.30 pm on Wednesday 27th February to which all friends are invited. No flowers, donations in his memory to Cancer Relief MacMillan Fund, 19b School Road, Sale, Manchester M33 or N.S.P.C.C., 175 Station Road, Swinton, Manchester M27 2BU. All enquiries to C.Robb & Sons Tel 061 224 1200/4996

HOATH - David Charles aged 46 years of Sheffield, a dear husband and father. Service and cremation at Hutcliffe Wood crematorium, Sheffield on Wednesday, February 27th at 12 noon. Enquiries to G & M Lunt Funeral Directors, Sheffield, Tel: (0742) 745508.

HORROCKS - On February 18th, 1991, in Hither Green Hospital, SE13, Alfred, late of Cairo and Suez. Funeral service at Lewisham Crematorium, on Tuesday, March 5th at 12 noon.

HORSWELL - On February 21st, after a long struggle courageously fought, Mary Harvey (née Evans), wife of the late Harry Horswell, dearly loved mother of Flo and stepmother to Gig, Amanda, John and Edward, sister to Liz. Funeral at Easthampstead Park, February 28th at 2.30pm. No flowers by request but donations to British Lung Foundation, Kingsmead House, 250 Kings Road, London, SW3 5UE. Enquiries to George Parker & Sons 0252 872297.

HOSKING - On February 22nd peacefully at home, Eric John Hosking, O.B.E., Hon FRPS, aged 81. Beloved husband of Dorothy, father of Margaret, Robin and David, and grandfather. Funeral will be held in The West Chapel at Golders Green Crematorium, on March 1st at 4.00 pm. No flowers, donations to the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds.

HYLAND - On February 20th, suddenly at home, Group Captain Stanley Robert Hyland, OBE, DFC, AFC, RAF (Retd) Beloved husband of Betty. Funeral service at Salisbury Crematorium on Friday, March 1st at 9:45 a.m.. Family flowers only, but donations if desired to The R.A.F. Benevolent Fund, 67 Portland Place, London, W1N 4AR.

LEWIS - On February 20th 1991 at Ashtead hospital, Nan, aged 86. Much loved mother of Sue and Tom, grandmother and great grandmother. Service at Randalls Park crematorium, Leatherhead on thursday February 28th at 11 am. No flowers please, but donations if wished, to the Royal School for the Blind, Highlands Road, Leatherhead.

MYERS - On February 21st 1991, peacefully in hospital, Enid (née Lowit) widow of Nathaniel Aronson and of Sidney Myers. Dear mother and mother-in-law of John and Patsy Aronson and stepmother, stepmother-in-law and granny of Patricia and Fred Tuckman, Michael, Jane, Jeremy and Maya. Funeral on Sunday February 24th, at Golders Green Crematorium (West Chapel) at 11am. Prayers at 8 The Hollies, 68 Hendon Lane, Finchley, N3, at 8pm Sunday only. No flowers, donations if desired to Heart and Stroke Society or Cancer Research.

22nd peacefully F. Cyril aged 89 years, of the Grange, Andrews Street, Wells, Somerset. Much loved father of Toni, grandfather of Simon, Pene, Nicola, Guy and great grandfather of Sophie, Jonathan and Fiona. Funeral service at Haycombe Crematorium on Thursday February 28th at 3.40pm. Family flowers only, donations for the Wells Red Cross Centre to Hill & Son Funeral Director, 20 St. Thomas Street, Wells, Somerset. Tel 0749 73397.

NEILL - On February 21st, 1991, Dunara, 45 Warren Road, Donaghadee, Northern Ireland. Charles, dearly beloved husband of Betty and father of Caroline Gardner and Robert. Service at Groomsport Presbyterian Church on Monday, February 25th at 10am followed by a private cremation. Family flowers only. House private and no letters please.

PILKINGTON On February 20, 1991, peacefully at home, Constance Cozens-Hardy aged 82 years. Dear sister of Lawrence and Roger, much loved Aunt and Great Aunt. The Funeral service will take place at St Nicholas Church, Newton Blossomville, Turvey, Beds, on Tuesday February 26th, 1pm. Family flowers only, donations if desired to the National Trust for the lake district to H.W. Mason & Sons, 9 High Street, Newport Pagnell, Bucks. MK16 8AR.

RICHMOND - On February 20th, 1991, peacefully in hospital, Harry, aged 66 years. Beloved husband of Elisabeth. A dearly loved father and Grandfather. Funeral service at Fingringhoe Parish Church on Monday, February 25th at 3.00 pm. Family flowers only, donations if desired to Imperial Cancer Research, c/o Hunnaball Funeral Services, 5 Crouch St, Colchester, Essex.

SOLLY — On February 21st, 1991, peacefully at home after a short illness, Gillian Emma Solly M.B.E. aged 85. Wife of the late Noel Richard Solly, formerly of Kiambu, Kenya. Darling Mother of Harriet Middlebоe, Tamsin Timpson and Susan Ridley. A beloved Grandmother and Greatgrandmother. Requiem Mass at St. Mary and St. Nicholas Church, Wilton, Salisbury on Tuesday, February 26th at 12:00 noon. Family flowers only. Donations if wished to Mother Theresa's Missionaries Charity, c/o I.N. Newman Ltd, Griffin House, 56 Winchester Street, Salisbury, SP1 1HL.

STEVENSON - On February 20th 1991 suddenly at home, Edwin Colbert (Steve), aged 76 years. Beloved husband of Weller, proud father and grandfather. Teacher and former headmaster of Bartholomew School, he inspired lasting affection and admiration in his pupils and colleagues. Funeral at 2 p.m. February 26th at St. Leonards Church, Eynsham, Oxfordshire.

THOMPSON - On February 21st in hospital, Francis Younghusband, aged 82 years of Lessingham, Norfolk. Funeral service at St. Faith's Crematorium, Norwich, on Thursday February 28th, at 4pm. No flowers, donations if desired for Happisburgh Lighthouse Trust, C/O Murrell Cork, Funeral Directors, Mundesley Road, North Walsham, Norfolk, NR28 0DB.

WALTON - On February 20th, peacefully, at the Churchill Hospital, Oxford, after a long and painful illness, Professor Gilbert Northcott, much loved husband of Edna and father of John, Anne and Carolyn. Funeral service at Burford Parish Church, Oxfordshire at 3.00 pm on Tuesday, February 26th. Flowers to E. Taylor and Sons, Corbett Road, Carterton, Oxfordshire (0993 842421), or donations to Burford Parish Church.

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(a) Lively, vivacious, stout-hearted, gallivanting, also hence frisky Tudor dance withleaps and horseplay, enjoyed by Queen Elizabeth I; Anthony Burgess: "Thank you, my galliard friend, lets go and drink."

ZIBET

(a) The Asian civet, *Viverra zibetha*, and its pungent and enduring perfume, from medieval Latin *zibethum*: "The marks on the lateral and anterior parts of the neck are very dark in the zibet."

KALYPTRA

(b) A veil worn by Greek women, from the Greek word for the garment; Aeschylus, *Choephoroe, "The Libation-Bearers"*, the second play in the *Oresteia* trilogy: "And with glad eyes out of the dark kalyptra may see freedom's radiant light."

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LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
No.0010711 of 1990
CHANCERY DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF PENTAGON CHEMICALS LIMITED
and
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition was on the 7th December 1990 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for the confirmation of the reduction of capital of the above-named Company from £2,897,347 to £2,008,266

AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the said petition is directed to be heard before the Honourable Mr Justice HARMAN at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2A 2LL on Monday the 4th day of MARCH 1991.

ANY Creditor or shareholder of the said Company desiring to oppose the making of an Order for the confirmation of the said reduction of capital should appear at the time of hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose.

A copy of the said Petition will be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the undermentioned solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same.

DATED this 21st day of February 1991.
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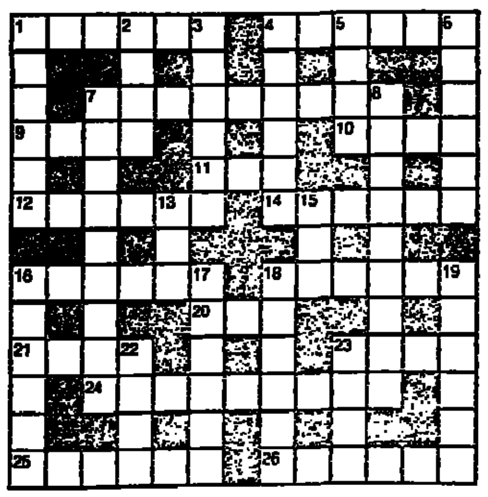

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This incident was one of many acts of piracy during the year. The children appeared little affected by it; one 10-year-old was pleased that they had "missed a nice lot of lessons".

PUPILS AND PIRATES

STORY OF THE TUNGCHOW

The following description of the piracy of the steamer Tungchow, with 70 European schoolchildren on board, is written by Mr J.N. Duncan, of the China Inland Mission School, Chefoo, who was in charge of the children.

HONG-KONG, Feb. 2

Providentially children seldom number piracy among their experiences even in Eastern waters. It must be unique to be in charge of a shipload of European boys and girls captured by pirates and delivered unscathed after nearly three days in their hands.

Seventy children of the China Inland Mission's School at Chefoo embarked at Shanghai under my care and that of four lady teachers on January 29 after their usual winter holiday. That afternoon, nine hours from Shanghai and within sight of one of the best-known lighthouses on the coast, we were pirated while many of the boys and girls were still about upon the deck. At the first sign of a scuffle with the guards, before I realised the full gravity of the situation, I sent them inside, but almost at once I was attacked by a couple of pirates. One brandished a small pistol and the other prodded me vigorously with a wooden holster as if in search of arms. We were all rounded up into the saloon, and before long four frantic pirates were confronting a crowded room full of Europeans who seemed to be as calm as their captors were excited.

A few children gave way to alarm, but on the whole we seem to have been possessed by a quiet fearlessness, which was in marked contrast to the imminent danger of stray shots from the brandished weapons of the pirates. During a critical parley of two hours not one of the loaded pistols went off in the crowded room, though only one had its safety catch on. The children remained quiet. Some went off to sleep.

Gradually the pirates' excitement subsided to something nearer the self-possession of their prisoners. The leader of the gang was a hardened young man with seven piracies to his record, who has been a leader for seven out of the 13 years which have passed since, as a lad, he started piracy. He immediately and almost smilingly assented to every request to allow the children to have their supper and go quietly to bed.

The four ladies and the 40 children with them in the cabins off the saloon lived in the constant presence of three or four armed pirates, yet for three days they showed great fortitude and kept the children quiet and steady in cramped conditions.

Yesterday afternoon, the third day, we successfully sneaked across the usual track of coastal vessels and made for a point which the pirates knew. A vain attempt was made to catch two junks in which to set the pirates ashore, and the ship went very close in to land and circled to try to catch the more nimble junks which worked in with wind and the current to the shore. At last we captured a junk, into which the pirates began to load their booty.

Suddenly an aeroplane appeared, and the men, who had been about to leave in perfect quiet and friendliness, were panic-stricken. The three chief men cut the rope and fled downwind in the junk, leaving about six of their companions stranded in the ship. We were all unarmed, and the situation was critical, but though the controlling hand of the leader was gone they waited for a boat to be lowered and went off in it.

A second aeroplane arrived, circled round the ship several times, and then flew off to make her report and to send a destroyer to meet us. The last pirates had taken as temporary hostages one officer and the Chinese wireless operator. These and the boat's crew were left on the shore while the pirates fled off inland. When at last the former were back on board full speed was made for Hong-kong, and we soon met a destroyer which escorted us in.

The manner of the pirates was in some ways paradoxical. They were fierce and pitiless on the one hand, yet kindly and considerate to the children on the other ...

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Farmer's diary: Paul Heiney

Gin-starved boss gives pigs a tonic

I HAVE scanned a wealth of wise words relating to farm management, but nowhere have I seen published the basic rule which, this week, I broke. It goes: "No farmer should ever sit by the fire and think that all is well with his farm. This is asking for trouble."

Imagine the scene: the flames in the hearth licking high, the sloe gin about to be broached, the snow thawing to torrential rain. I decided I would just feed the pigs before the weather got any worse.

The instant I got to the sty I sensed something was wrong. Those piglets know the sound of the kitchen door and even before I have got across the yard they are squealing with sudden hunger. This time they were silent. I assumed they were feeling the frost and keeping their heads well tucked under mother's warm and ample belly. But when I poured the swill and there was *still no frenzy*, I got worried. Alice, the sow, lumbered to her feet and took a few mouthfuls as if to be polite, but the litter of black piglets stayed heaped on each other in a pyramid, breathing deeply and looking like a wobbly blackberry jelly.

Slowly they stirred and my worst fears were confirmed, those curly little tails which would normally be coiled like bedsprings were hanging with a depressing limpness. As the rugby song has it: "When a pig's a failure it straightens out its tail. But all pigs' tails are curly 'cos piggies never fail." These pigs were sick. Failing.

The vet said the fast-growing litter had a feeding problem, so I gave them an extra dose of minerals, and went back to the roaring fire. I reached for the sloe gin and . . . then I thought of the sheep. Better to feed them before dark.

Tightness gripped my stomach as I climbed into the sheep pen. We have a borrowed ram with the demeanour of a grumpy old major-general who has failed to grasp the idea of the vending machine and thinks you put your mouth under the spout; the ram does not understand that you eat the food from the trough and not from the bucket. In his eagerness he usually butts you, and it hurts. But this time there was no rushing, butting attack. He just stood by the wall, poor old soldier, trembling, weak and defeated. More feeding problems? The feeding of stock is one of the most intricate of farming conundrums I have had to unravel. If you go to the merchant and buy a bag of ready-formulated "sheep nuts" or "pig nuts" it becomes simpler, but I am reluctant to do so: it is our aim to feed stock from what we grow. Economics force commercial farmers to do otherwise, with the result that what is fed to farm animals can be far from certain. So our stock eat oats, barley, kale, mangel-wurzels and sugar beet (which we do buy in), but it does mean that if the meals aren't carefully balanced you can omit some vital ingredient. Unlike humans, animals cannot run to the fruit bowl or the larder when some internal alarm goes off.

I went to my book of sheep husbandry and flicked through improbably named diseases: husk to hoose, blobwhirl to turnsick, gid to hydatid of the brain. I decided the ram had them all. I fell back in the chair, blobwhirled and giddy, and reached for the sloe gin again . . . then the phone rang.

"Pigeons are on your kale," came the bad tidings. Kale, I should explain, grows to a couple of feet high at this time of year and is the only green crop that stands proud of the snow. Hungry pigeons scan the horizon for it like snowbound rail commuters seeking the lights of a station buffet. By the time I had recorked the sloe gin and got up to the field, there were at least 300 pigeons on a mere two acres. Next day I called in the big guns.

A neighbour in a farm cottage is a keen, if less than accurate, shot and has time on his hands. He built a hide out of fallen branches and ex-army camouflage netting, dug himself in with a flask of tea and waited for the next winged sortie. In they flew, beaks sharpened, to be met with a hail of gunshot, most of which missed but certainly spoilt their appetites. The pigeons regrouped to plan their next attack. My man is on a constant state of alert. And so am I.

Although the piglets' tails have taken a distinct turn for the better and the old soldier of a ram is able to stand to attention once more, I am only too aware that an armed guard is needed to keep the peace on this troubled little farm.

BARRY GREENWOOD

A dog's life: the cartoonist Annie Tempest and Sondheim are looking forward to moving from London to the wide open spaces of the north at the family seat of Broughton Hall

Home from home: Annie Tempest

Finding a moor to walk the dog

Annie Tempest, abseiler, paraglider, white water rafter, was also the strip cartoonist of the year in 1990. She has worked for the *Daily Mail* since 1986.

This year, she believes, is a year for change. Her six-day-a-week strip, "The Yuppies", has become "Tony and Co", and Miss Annie Tempest is to become Mrs James McConnell. After 11 years in London she is seriously considering darkening her Kensington studio, locking up her Chelsea flat, jumping into green wellies and heading for something greener than Green Park. Not just for the weekend but permanently.

"In London I spend my time going to drinks parties and I've been having the same conversation for ten years. I can't stand regurgitating rubbish about how fascinating it is to be a cartoonist. What I want to be doing is taking dogs for a walk."

Miss Tempest regularly rushes up the M1 to the north country. In Yorkshire she can take her dog for a run unencumbered by a poop scoop. The dog-friendly family seat is Broughton Hall.

"Broughton is known as the gateway to the Dales," she says. One of her favourite spots lies in the middle of Broughton Hall's 3,000-acre estate. "It's a tiny moor, covered with heather, blustery and wild and all you could imagine a moor to be. Real Heathcliff country."

The 75-acre park that surrounds the house is rather tamer — perhaps Edgar Linton country. "It's beautifully designed," Miss Tempest says. "I can walk by the river, I can follow what we call the fairy walks through the grove or I can just wander around the formal Italian gardens."

Strictly speaking, it is her 27-year-old younger brother, Roger, who is lord of the manor. He was barely old enough to be building tree houses when he inherited the "big house" and most of the estate from his bachelor uncle. Until 1987 their father, Henry, ran everything and had done so since they moved from Kirtlington, Oxfordshire, 15 years before; now father and son run the estate together.

Tempests have been at Broughton since 1324. The present house was built in 1597, after the previous one burnt down, and was extended once in the 18th and twice in the 19th centuries. With 70-odd rooms, it is the type of place that, should you be so foolhardy as to spurn the chamberpot under the four-poster, leaves you with a mile-long trek of cold corridor to an even colder bathroom. "It's certainly large, generally chilly and we do tend to huddle in the smoking room or the conservatory as they're the warmest places," Miss Tempest says.

In one wing you will find her parents. One of the flats some*times contains her youngest sixth*-former brother on school holidays; another the other brother and his bride. A couple of sisters and their entourages are frequent visitors. The grandparents live in the converted stables. Various staff and tenants, together with the employees of the 25 small companies relocated to this "stately home business park", mean that it is not that lonely. Television crews filming series such as *A Woman of Substance* and *Lucky Jim* make *Broughton, now and again*, a busy place. So if she likes crowds why is she unhappy in London?

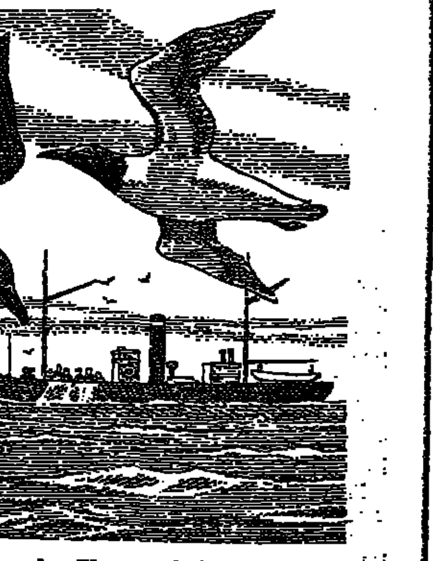
"I do like to know that there are millions of people on my doorstep. But I only like to know that in my head," she says. "Life in the country is less stressful, less manic and less competitive. It's because of the fresh air and the greenness. Green is such a restful colour." As it takes five hours to get to this particular patch of green, she is intending to move her main home from London to Yorkshire.

"Both James and I have solitary jobs," she says; her fiancé is a composer. "To work, all I need is a fax, all he needs is room for a grand piano upon which to *compose."Will moving to York*shire affect the cartoon? "I don't need to be in London to be inspired," she says. "The strip is set in my head. It could be any large town, not just London."

NICOLA MURPHY

Feather report

Fishermen net a feathered haul



Robin Jacques

Death dive: razorbill (left) and guillemot, victims of gill nets

Technology is a wonderful thing. However, it puts ever cheaper, more effective, more readily available means of destruction into people's hands. The casual slaughter of seabirds is an example. True, we may not have the birds for much longer, but the technology is remarkable.

Fishing off our coasts is done increasingly with gill nets: a cheap and effective method of killing both fish and seabirds. Such fishing is watched over by the government's Sea Fisheries Committee, which has responsibility only for the commercial side of fishing. Nobody is responsible for the birds.

The nets have been banned in Scotland because of commercial considerations: they affect the salmon fishing.

Gill nets work like curtains. Made of synthetic line, they come in various mesh sizes, tens of metres in length and normally about 20 metres deep. They can be anchored on the seabed or hung from the surface with floats. They create an invisible barrier.

The nets are non-exclusive; they kill diving birds in what appear to be huge numbers. The principal species killed are also fishers: guillemot and razorbill, the northern hemisphere's miniature flying penguins, members of the auk family, of which man has already killed off the great auk.

The nets also kill great northern diver, red-throated diver, Slavonian grebe, gannet, scaup, common scoter and long-tailed duck: all magnificent birds.

The RSPB has been monitoring gill-net fishing in St Ives Bay, Cornwall, and recently reported two separate incidents involving catches of 300 and 80 birds. There are 340 boats using gill nets in Cornwall alone.

The society called for a voluntary ban on the nets in St Ives Bay, but many fisherman have ignored this. The nets have too many advantages: they are very cheap and strong, and when they do get broken fishermen throw them away and get new ones. They are ideal for opportunists and freelancers.

One cannot wholly blame people in a county of low income and seasonal unemployment for taking a short-term view. One can certainly blame the fisheries department. "The ministry must take responsibility for wildlife as well as fishing," says Dr Nancy Harrison, the RSPB marine policy officer. "It must take urgent action to promote fishing practices which do not cause this indiscriminate killing."

The problem would be eased with a return to the more visible hemp netting, and/or by regulation of gill-net fishing: where and when it takes place, banning the use of the nets in sensitive areas at sensitive times — when there are more fish and, consequently, more birds around.

In St Ives Bay the most sensitive time is winter; at other places it is spring. Gill nets are regularly placed at the foot of seabird colonies: both fishermen and birds are there for the fish, of course. But the nets do not pick and choose.

Getting precise data on the extent of the problem is difficult. Much of the killing happens out at sea, out of sight and mind. The government has made clear in its white paper on the environment that it is interested in facts and research. The RSPB, however, has shown that a serious problem exists: just how serious is unclear. The inference from three months' monitoring in which 520 deaths were logged is that it is colossal.

Dr Harrison says: "These incidents are visible proof of a huge, needless slaughter of wildlife. It is a national disgrace that an activity which causes so much destruction can be carried out quite openly, without any repercussions."

A full report on the problem, jointly produced by the RSPB and the World Wide Fund for Nature, will be available next month.

SIMON BARNES

● **What's about:** *Birders — blackbird, dunnock and chaffinch beginning to sing; listen for nuthatch and woodpecker. Twitchers — grey-headed gull at Brogborough Lake, Bedfordshire. Long-stayers include snowy owl in Lincolnshire, harlequin duck at Wick, Scotland. American bittern at Marton Mere, Lancashire. Details: Birdline, 0898 700222.*

Country events

THIS WEEKEND

● **Crafts in action 91:** Crafts sale and demonstration, deer park open, light refreshments and licensed bar.
Dunham Massey Hall, Altrincham, Greater Manchester, today, tomorrow, 10am-4.30pm.

● **Duns Castle celebrations:** Organised by the Duns 500 quincentennial committee, bonfire and fireworks display followed by a torchlight procession.
Duns Castle, Duns, Scottish Borders. Today 6.30pm.

● **RHS demonstration:** A seed-sowing and summer planting demonstration to help you prepare for the summer months.
Pershore College of Horticulture, Avonbank, Pershore, Hereford & Worcester (0386 552443). Today 10am-noon. Members £3.50, non-members £7. Check availability with college.

● **Feather search:** Bird watching walk for all the family around woodland and water.
Meet Fishers Green Car Park, end of Stubbins Hall Lane, off the B194 Holyfield Road, Waltham Abbey, Essex, tomorrow 1.30pm.

● **Cothi Valley Walk:** Guided eight mile riverside and woodland walk from Edwinsford to Abergorlech. Take packed lunch.
Meet Edwinsford picnic sites on the B4337, 1½ miles north of Talley, Gelli Aur country park, Wales, tomorrow. Further information from the warden (0558 668885).

● **The Story of the English Countryside:** Last in the series of lectures which show how most of lowland Britain is manmade. Today's topic is "the landscape today".
Museum of St Albans, Hatfield Road, St Albans, Hertfordshire (0727 56679). Thurs 10.30am-noon. Free.

NEXT WEEK

● **RHS demonstrations:** Tools, compost and rooting aids — Rosemoor Garden, Great Torrington, North Devon, Wed 11am. Booking essential: 0805 24067. Propagation of alpine plants — Wisley, Woking, Surrey, Wed 2-3.30pm. Further information: 0483 224234. Root cuttings — Pershore College of Horticulture, Pershore, Hereford & Worcester. Wed 2-4pm. Further information: 0386 554609.

● **St David's Day concert:** The Cor Meibion Trelawnyd — male voice choir — celebrates the national day of Wales.
Bodelwyddan Castle, Bodelwyddan, Clwyd. Fri 7.30pm. Tickets £6. Bookings: 0745 584060.

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Unmoved by the siren's luring cry

Why the toxic thrills of the city still outweigh the boredom of country living

AS I write this, men are digging up the pavement outside my house. Really I should be working on my stage play, but it's pretty difficult to explore the symbiotic relationship between a footballer and a journalist in four acts while a couple of masonry drills bang away six yards from the window. No wonder Shakespeare fled London for the rural delights of Stratford, where all he had to contend with was swans thundering down the Avon.

Is this any way to live? you think, as you struggle to get two under-fives on to a bulging Tube train. That is, if the station is open in the first place. Not that we live in constant fear, although after the bomb at Victoria I bet we were not the only parents whose half-term plans were rapidly redrawn; the Natural History Museum and supper at Joe Allen's turned into the local library and a visit to the nearest Burger King. The problem is the whole heap of inconvenience attached to living in a city, where too many people want to take too few trains, where the transport system snarls up in run-of-the-mill bad weather, where the air in summer is a toxic porridge of fumes and spores that hospitalise your children with asthma.

I hear the siren cry of the old rectory, the converted dairy, the sensitively restored country house set in acres of rolling countryside. So why do I not just get on with it and move out? Don't think I haven't tried. Not so long ago we were lured by the prospect of a wonderful-sounding Georgian mansion on the river, complete with willow tree, ballroom, orchard, conservatory, all the things you would need to be a millionaire to own in London. We stayed overnight at a hotel in the nearest market town, in order to get to know the area. It was charming.

The problem was that after 24 hours I started to feel strangely jittery. I think it was because there was only one of everything — fashionable restaurant, wine bar selling antiques, secondhand bookshop run by local character, art gallery with café and hot and cold running Mozart. There was not the feeling of endless possibility that London gives, the notion that you might be lonely now, but tomorrow you could meet the person who will light up your life.

And besides, what would I do? If the glossy magazines about rural life are anything to go by, country residents have so few options for passing the time that they are reduced to scraping 20 layers of plasterwork off their ceilings to reveal the original cornicework beneath.

London life. Fist-shaking encounters with other motorists at roundabouts. The first crocuses, dusted with soot. The 8.24 cancelled again. Well, at least you've always got someone to talk to, even if it's only about how dire everything is.

JULIE WELCH

Events in town

THIS WEEKEND

- **Samuel Pepys anniversary tour:** Includes Pepys's birthplace, his local church, St Bride's, an exhibition, lunch in a Fleet Street pub and a city walk to St Olave's, where Pepys is buried. *Meet exit 3 Blackfriars Underground station, today 11.30am. Ticket £7, lunch not included. Details: 081-806 4325.*
- **International Swimming-Pool and Fitness Exhibition:** The latest designs in pool and spa technology. *Alexandra Palace, London N22 (081-365 2121). Today 10am-6pm, tomorrow 10am-5pm. Adult £5, child £2.50.*
- **Bristol and west craft fair:** People from around the country with more than 30 crafts. *Bristol Exhibition Centre, Bristol, Avon. Today, tomorrow 10.30am-5.30pm. Adult £2, accompanied child free.*
- **Jorvik finale:** Festival closes with a Viking and Anglo-Saxon procession to the Eye of York 1.30pm, followed by the final combat at 2.30pm. Torchlit procession from Memorial Gardens to King's Staigh from 6.45pm for the boat-burning ceremony and fireworks at 7.15pm. *York, today. Free.*

NEXT WEEK

- **Spring Stampex:** Annual exhibition for philatelists, with more than 130 dealers. *Royal Horticultural Society Halls, Vincent Square, London SW1. Tues noon-7pm, Wed-Sat 10.30am-7pm, Sun 10.30am-6pm. First day admission £3, thereafter adult £1.50, child 50p.*

JUDY FROSHAUG

Simply floored by kilims

Assets

Colourful, hard-wearing kilims are increasingly being used as floor coverings in the trend towards richness, texture and pattern rather than stark contrast. They offer a subtlety of design that makes a refreshing change from mass-produced carpets and rugs.

There are two selling exhibitions of kilims in London at present: Liberty is holding its first kilim sale and Graham & Green its tenth.

Antonia Graham takes infinite care over her choice of kilims, drinking endless cups of apple tea while sifting through dealers' warehouses in Istanbul. "I look for kilims with character, generally between 30 and 50 years old. Many of the new ones have no life about them and the colours look dead. Anything over 100 years old is likely to be a collector's item in terms of price, and probably too delicate for everyday use.

"Kilims have to be a good size for British houses — from fireside rugs to room-size carpets. I try to buy them as close as possible to a square and a half in size, for example, 6ft x 9ft. Many are two squares, or 2½ squares, and are not a good shape for most homes in Britain.

> *'A kilim can be very fine or very old, but if it is purple and bright green it can only look horrible'*

"I never buy orange, purple or bright pinks and avoid rugs with too much gold thread. Warmer pinks and terracotta are good colours. The soft blues and greens are also decorative, without looking too ethnic. Floral designs are fashionable at the moment so we are buying more from western Turkey, and some from Romania and Bulgaria. Geometric designs are always popular.

"I also buy some that are sun-faded. These days, many kilims are made with a mixture of natural and chemical dyes and if the colours are too strong they are taken to the hills where shepherds lay them in the sun.

"Kilims make a good starting point for furnishing a room. They are more relaxing to live with than pile carpets, particularly if you work colours and furnishings around them. I put mine over ordinary underfelt to prevent them slipping on wood floors."

Prices at Graham & Green start at around £135 for a 3ft x 5ft fireside kilim. Larger kilims, 6ft x 9ft, can cost between £325 and £850, depending on quality and intricacy of design. A 10ft x 15ft version costs about £1,200. Ten-foot runners cost from £185 and make ideal floor-coverings in long, narrow hallways. Kilim-covered stools, club fenders, cushions and chairs are also on sale, along with collectable objects found by Ms Graham on her travels — bone bottles, inlaid mirrors, gaudy combs and cotton scarves.

Liberty's carpet buyer, Ron Stewart, who has taken almost a year to assemble more than 350 kilims from Morocco, Turkey, Iran, Afghanistan, Russia, Indonesia and Central and South America, says: "Technically, any rug that is a flatweave is a kilim. Many people do not realise that kilims are totally international; every country makes them." A number of antique Persian rugs, old Swedish flatweaves and even framed pieces of Coptic textiles are included in his exhibition.

Most of the kilims are about 30 to 50 years old and employ a combination of chemical and vegetable dyes, although many are old enough to have been dyed naturally, so the colours will fade over time to a pleasing softness. "Quality as much as age dictates price," Mr Stewart says. You can pay £25 for a kilim cushion at the Liberty exhibition, or £10,000 for an antique Caucasian kilim, just over 9ft x 6ft, in immaculate condition. Saddle bags, horse covers, kilim-covered stools and sofas are also on sale, along with 50ft tent bands, once used as decorative draught excluders.

"My favourites are the kilims from the Turkoman nomads and the Baluchi in Afghanistan, because I like their colours and designs. A kilim can be very fine or very old, but if it is purple and bright green it can only look horrible. It is pattern and colour that are important."

In the past 26 years, Mr Stewart has travelled to many obscure places to collect his wares. "When you reach the bazaars in small Iranian towns, word goes round in seconds that you are a buyer and everyone rushes over to show you what they've got."

He adds: "I can remember when poor quality kilims were used as packing material around bales of carpet. It is only over the past ten years that people have begun to appreciate their qualities and value. They like the fact that kilims were made to be used as well as to look decorative."

NICOLE SWENGLEY

● *Graham & Green sale until Mar 16, 10 Elgin Crescent, W11 (071-727 4594). Liberty sale until Mar 14, Regent Street, W1 (071-734 1234).*

ADRIAN BROOKS

Magic carpets: Antonia Graham surrounded by some of her "relaxing to live with" east European rugs

WHERE TO BUY

- **Raymond Bernadout,** 5 William Street, SW12 (071-235 3360). Stock of old and antique Turkish kilims, from £2,000.
- **David Black Oriental Carpets,** 96 Portland Road, W11 (071-727 2566). Turkish, Persian and Caucasian vegetable-dyed, old and antique kilims. Antique Thracian prayer kilim, 5ft 11in x 3ft 5in, £1,500. Naturally dyed Turkish kilims, £150-£700.
- **Coats Oriental Carpets,** 4 Kensington Church Walk, W8 (071-937 0983). Rare kilims from Turkey and the Caucasus. Most are more than 100 years old, with pre-synthetic dyes, and cost from £600 for a 9ft x 5ft rug in poor condition.
- **Christopher Farr,** 115 Regent's Park Road, NW1 (071-586 9684). New Turkish kilims cost from £99 for a 4ft x 2ft rug, rising to £1,950 for one measuring 10ft x 6ft. An antique Turkish kilim, 6ft x 4ft, dated about 1850, £5,000.
- **Daphne Graham,** 1 Elystan Street, SW3 (071-584 8724). Antique and decorative kilims, new floral kilims and kilim-covered furniture. Prices from £600 for a 30-year-old, 6ft x 9ft, Turkish kilim. Older rugs from Turkey and Persia; floral ones from Poland, Russia and Romania.
- **Joss Graham Oriental Textiles,** 10 Eccleston Street, SW1 (071-730 4370). Eclectic but specialist collection of flatweaves from Hungary, Sweden, Turkey, Palestine, Afghanistan and India. Kilims range from a vegetable-dyed Tartary Kazak kilim from Afghanistan, 4ft 6in x 2ft 6in, at £150 to a Turkish kilim, made by the Reyhanli nomads and dated about 1865, 12ft x 5ft, at £3,500.
- **Alexander Juran & Co,** 74 Bond Street, W1 (071-629 2550). Antique kilims from Turkey, eastern Europe and the Middle East. A 19th century Turkish example, 6ft x 4ft, from £400.
- **Kilim Furniture Company,** 75 Mountgrove Road, N5 (071-359 2180); 10am-1pm Thurs, Fri, Sat, other times by appointment (081-444 8795). Kilim-covered stools from £150, armchairs from £1,150, three-seaters from £2,600, ottomans from £550. Also day beds. Turkish kilims available to re-cover furniture.
- **Kilim House,** 951-953 Fulham Road, SW6 (071-731 4912). Old kilims from Turkey, eastern Europe, Afghanistan, the Caucasus and Persia, and new kilims — some to the company's own designs — from Turkey and Romania. New, pictorial kilims from Egypt, good for children's rooms, cost about £40. Cushions from £60 and new Turkish kilims, 4ft x 6ft, from about £90. A similar-sized old kilim from Turkey costs about £227. Cleaning service. The original outlet, Kilim Warehouse, is at 28a Picketts Street, SW12 (071-675 3122).
- **Oriental Rug Gallery,** 42 Verulam Road, St Albans, Hertfordshire (0727 41046). More than 300 kilims, including new ones from Turkey, old ones from Persia and unusual examples from Argentina and Guatemala. A Persian kilim, 12ft x 9ft, more than 50 years old, costs £1,400. A new Turkish kilim, 4ft x 3ft, from as little as £29.
- **David Seyfried,** 759 Fulham Road, SW6 (071-731 4230). Kilim-covered floor stools from about £385. Other kilim-covered furniture to order.
- **Zaman,** 192 Broadhurst Gardens, NW6 (071-624 4696), 11am-7pm Tues-Sat, other times by appointment (071-625 6102). Turkish kilims £100-£1,000. Accessory grain bags from £150.

Barbican comes of age

Does anybody feel like celebrating the residential estate's 21st birthday?

Why did Benazir Bhutto choose to spend her exiled years in the Barbican residential estate? Few places in the world could be more removed from Pakistan's beautiful Kashmir valley, despite the huge number of window boxes. One theory is that Ms Bhutto was trying to lose herself.

This month the estate celebrates its 21st birthday: 21 years too many, some may think, and certainly no reason for cork-popping. Nevertheless, the residents are rejoicing. Not only has Barbican come of age, they say, but it is now one of London's most fashionable quarters. Barbican's central location makes it an understandable weekday base for busy people.

But Marianne Watson-Smyth, the secretary of the heritage group Save, thinks Barbican "a hideous building. "I suppose the only way to avoid looking at it is to live in it," she says.

However, many public figures choose to live there, including John Smith, the shadow Chancellor of the Exchequer, Dame Mary and Lord Donaldson, the Master of the Rolls, Arthur Scargill, Brian Redhead and Clive James.

"We are aiming to provide housing for the middle to higher income groups," David Amies, the estate manager, says. "This is a very secure estate. Security is one of the main reasons why people choose to live here."

Special Branch, however, decided it was unable to offer sufficient protection to two of Barbican's most admiring residents. After the Brighton bombing in 1984, Norman and Margaret Tebbit were obliged to move out.

"He loved it here," says Mr Tebbit's personal assistant, Beryl Goldsmith, also a resident. She adds: "I live on the top floor of one of the houses and my rooms have high, domed ceilings. A friend came round the other day and said, 'Oh, but darling, it's like living in an igloo', which was exceedingly unfair."

The Corporation of London, which owns and manages Barbican, had originally proposed a commercial and office development on the site. The idea of a residential estate grew from an open letter that Duncan Sandys, then the minister of housing, sent to the Lord Mayor of London in 1956. He rejected the corporation's proposal and suggested, instead, "the creation of a genuine residential neighbourhood incorporating schools, shops, open spaces and amenities, even if it means foregoing a more remunerative return on the land". The corporation approached the architect Chamberlin, Powell & Bon, and gave the go-ahead to its plan in 1959.

The project was hailed as enlightened and showing the influence of acclaimed architects such as Le Corbusier. "If the scheme for Barbican is ever realised," the *Architect's Journal* wrote in 1959, "it will undoubtedly be the pleasant place to live. . ."

Barbican was completed after 11 years of disputes and strikes. During its early years, crime rates were high and residents complained publicly about broken lifts, poor waste disposal and rent increases.

Robert Cowan, the acting editor of the *Architects' Journal*, thinks the publication's initial optimism about Barbican has been vindicated. "The current popularity of the Barbican amongst its residents shows that there is nothing wrong with high-rise housing or large estates as long as they are well managed, properly maintained and the people live there by choice. The tragedy is that so few blocks and estates in Britain have met these criteria."

Today, as a result of the 1980 Housing Act, 1,300 of Barbican's 2,100 flats have been bought (initially they were rented on five, and then three-year leases), and 4,000 people live there.

An arts centre is an integral part of the estate (finding one's way about it is another matter), and a vast car park lurks underneath. For an annual fee of £5,940, parents can leave their children at a crèche all day. There is also Britain's largest health and fitness centre, with a £1,030 joining fee; the exclusive memberships are traded informally in the City.

ADRIAN BROOKS

Tall storey: Dame Mary Donaldson on her Barbican balcony

Most of Barbican's buildings are six-storey. The three tower blocks, each of which is more than 400ft high, are the most striking architectural features of the estate. One of them, the Shakespeare tower, is quoted in the *Guinness Book of Records* as the tallest residential building in Britain. In nine years it could become a listed building.

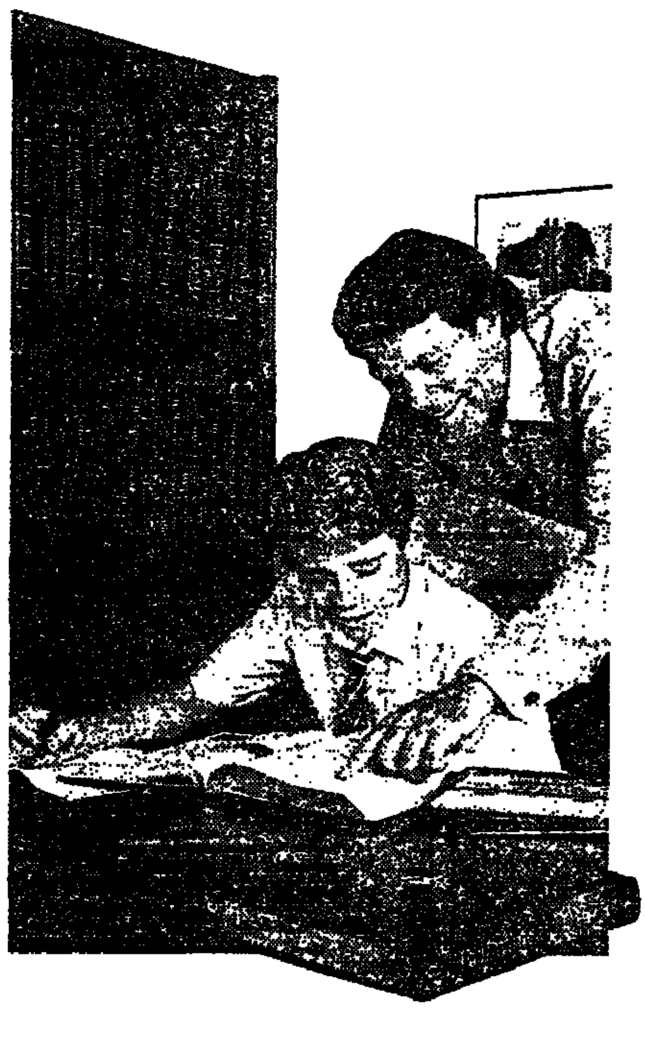
At the top of the towers are a number of penthouse suites, which cost up to £600,000. For this, residents (such as Bob Beckman, the stockmarket guru) get four bedrooms, three bathrooms, a main room and kitchen. At the other end of the scale, a bedsitter costs £82,000.

Most of the flats are not spacious but they are comfortable, and include, of course, that all-important ledge for window boxes. The Barbican Horticultural Society was formed in 1980 and flowers now peep out from almost every balcony, patio and rooftop. The eight acres of landscaped gardens boast four lakes, two waterfalls and several fountains.

Even the Barbican's sternest critics would be hard pressed to criticise the spectacular panorama enjoyed by those living in the tower blocks.

"On a good day we can see from Crystal Palace around to St Paul's and on to Alexandra Palace," Dame Mary Donaldson says. "I can't pretend this place is a thing of beauty on the outside, but in the spring it really can be beautiful, with the flowers on the balconies."

JON STOCK



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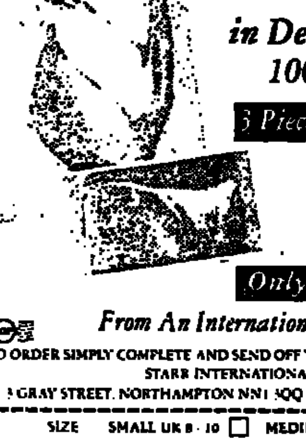

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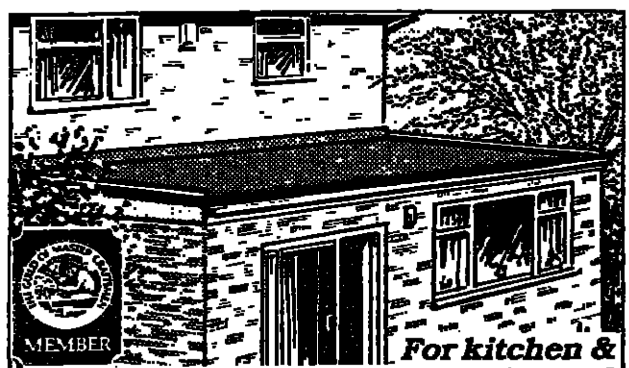

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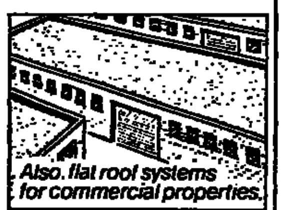

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Rocks are all the rage in St Moritz this weekend, whether they are the sloping ones for rich skiers to slide down during the day, or the glittering baubles to hang round their necks at night.

Despite the Gulf war and its disincentive effect, for some, on travel, the *bons vivants* are there in force, and spent last Thursday's *après-ski* time helping Christie's to achieve £3.9 million at its day-long dispersal of "Important Jewels", although current events and the absence of Middle Eastern buyers took the failure rate to 50 per cent. Sotheby's "Magnificent Jewels" sale, which includes a diamond and ruby cluster ring estimated at £1 million, will be held this evening. "There has been a lot of interest in the ring, but it *is* a lot of money," says Sotheby's jewellery director, David Bennett.

The auctions are part of an intriguing phenomenon whereby Switzerland, a non-member of the EC and Calvinistic to the hilt, has, on its 700th anniversary, gained advantage over the rest of Europe in respect of jewellery.

As more speculative areas of the art market struggle during the recession, its most decadent manifestation has maintained a steady upward momentum over the last decade, interrupted only by a blip for diamonds in 1981.

Switzerland was first drawn into the art market in the late Sixties, on an initiative from London, its only previous connections having been to spawn such names as Le Corbusier, Giacometti and Paul Klee. Having secured the collection amassed by the late Nina Dyer, Baron Thyssen-Bornemizsa's former wife, the then chairman of Christie's, Peter Chance, started casting about for countries in which he would avoid the formidable British import duty.

Two candidates emerged: Hong Kong and Switzerland. He chose the latter, setting up premises in one of the smart lakeside hotels.

Since then, the success of the Swiss base has snowballed through the hotel district, with more than half the world records for jewellery prices being achieved there over the past five years. Top of a long list in glamorous sales was the Duchess of Windsor collection at Sotheby's in April 1987.

"We import both the jewels and all our buyers and sellers," says François Curiel, the president of Christie's Europe. Although London still competes with the occasional antique item, such as the Agra diamond, which fetched £4.07 million last June, the field is now dominated by New York and Geneva/St Moritz.

Simon de Pury, the head of Sotheby's Europe, is based there, and Mr Bennett joined him from London 18 months ago. Last month the company opened a fourth Swiss office, in Basle.

Christie's is also expanding, its latest plan being to appoint a new silver expert for Europe, based in Switzerland.

The relative solidity of the jewellery market is the result of a combination of factors, starting with its portability and long-standing convenience as a refuge for floating money, and progressing to the tastes and social pressures on its buyers, often from Latin countries.

Switzerland, although Calvinistic to the hilt, has won advantage over the rest of Europe in the jewellery market

"Nowadays it's not just a matter of an old marchioness wearing a diamond tiara," M Curiel says, but keeping up with the "social circus". To be a member, you must have good furniture, ceramics, pictures and jewellery.

Clientele habitually travel with their jewellery, and insist on the genuine article, abhorring the brilliantly faked costume jewellery sported by lesser mortals. It was this group, along with some top European dealers, who paid most at Christie's on Thursday, concentrating on fine pieces by the biggest names, such as Harry Winston and Cartier. The straightforward investors from Japan, Korea and Hong Kong appear to have held back.

The advantages of Switzerland as the conduit for all this money (last year Sotheby's Swiss sales totalled SF138,730,988, approximately £41 million) are legion.

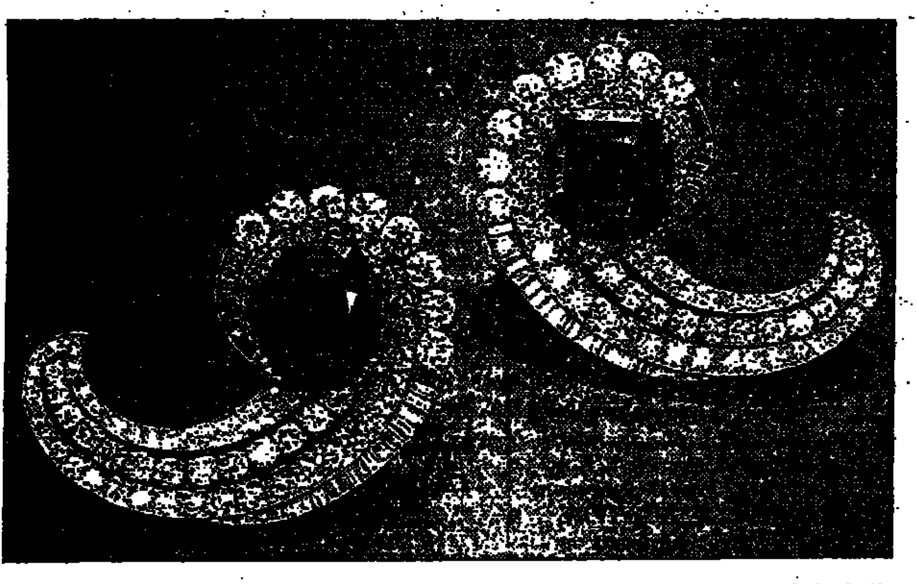
As well as being centrally placed, multilingual, and as efficient as clockwork (the much travelled Mr Bennett claims the airport with some of the longest holdups is Heathrow), Switzerland has the added attraction of neutrality — and favourable laws of title to the last person in a chain of buyers who has unwittingly bought stolen goods.

You can import anything you want, whether worth £10 or £10 million, whether cash or jewellery, by simply taking it through the airport and declaring it to Customs. The airport has a facility for depositing very high value items which does not exist in London. Duty is on weight (£15 per kilo) rather than value of the goods. The biggest draw, however, is the efficacy of the bank secrecy laws. Anybody can lodge their wealth, whether clean or not, with no questions asked. A reputed £500 million of the late President Marcos's ill-gotten fortune was deposited there, although last December a Swiss court broke the rule regarding personal numbered bank accounts by deciding that $270 million (£142 million) of this could be returned to the Philippines.

Taking a long-term view, Eric Valdieu, the head of jewellery at Christie's, says there is apprehension about the potential damage caused by the Marcos incident on Switzerland's reputation as a financial haven.

Swiss banks may have already lost some of the world's "hot" money to "offshore" centres such as Luxembourg and Lichtenstein, and M Valdieu fears investors might start thinking of going to other countries.

"Switzerland should remain in everybody's mind as a place of discretion," he says.



At Sotheby's tonight: Boucheron sapphire and diamond clips (estimate, up to £235,000)

JEWEL RECORDS

- **Emerald**, April 1987: Duchess of Windsor's emerald and diamond ring, £1.31 million; Sotheby's Geneva.
- **Sapphire**, February 1988: diamond ring containing superlative example, £1.5 million; Sotheby's St Moritz.
- **Single natural pearl**, May 1988: pearl and diamond pendant, £460,076; Christie's Geneva.
- **Ruby**, October 1989: ruby and diamond ring by Chaumet of Paris, £2.8 million; Sotheby's New York.
- **Pink diamond**, June 1990: Agra Diamond, £4.07 million, and a **yellow diamond** £2.2 million; Christie's London. **Blue diamond**, October 1990: rectangular-cut ring, £2.82 million; Christie's New York.
- **Single stone**, November 1990: 11-sided diamond, £6.523 million; Sotheby's, Geneva.

Court sends the old statue home

Review

● **Homecoming:** A 12th century bronze statue of Sita Nataraja must return to its Indian temple, after a Court of Appeal ruling. Bumper Development Corporation of Canada bought the statue from a London dealer in 1982, whereupon the custodians of the Hindu temple claimed it, and won a High Court ruling. On appeal, the claimants denied that the temple was "little more than a pile of stones".

Strong impression: Sotheby's had an 89 per cent success rate with minor Impressionist paintings in New York. Christie's followed with 82 per cent in terms of value. Top price at Sotheby's was the $297,000 (£150,647, mid-estimate) paid anonymously for *Vita Silente*, an unlikely work by Giorgio de Chirico, the metaphysical artist, showing fruit cast upon a table. At Sotheby's, a Far Eastern dealer paid £105,555 (just below estimate) for *Ile de Bréhat* by Bernard Buffet — a kitschy townscape painted in 1973. Sotheby's said there was "solid and reasonable" buying. Prices were lower than their equivalents last year.

Wrap up: A drawing of umbrellas by Christo, the artist who usually wraps up buildings, achieved top price at Christie's contemporary sale, also in New York, at $159,500 (£80,507).

Prize draw: Old Master drawings had an 83 per cent success rate at Sotheby's in London, top price going to *Head of a Bearded Man*, by Guido Reni, at £9,240 (estimate, up to £4,000).

Inexpensive Spencer: Drawings by the eccentric Stanley Spencer are on offer for as little as £2,000 at the Bernard Jacobson Gallery, 14a Clifford Street, London W1 until March 2. The auction record for a Spencer painting may be £1.3 million, but his *Seduction Scenes*, crammed on to one sheet, are £7,000. His *Study for the Resurrection* in the Tate is £9,000.

Mackintosh mix: A 42-piece cutlery set designed by Charles Rennie Mackintosh, the Glasgow *art nouveau* architect, sold within estimate for £7,700 at Christie's decorative arts sale, but two densely hatched drawings of buildings by him failed to sell at £18,000 and £16,000.

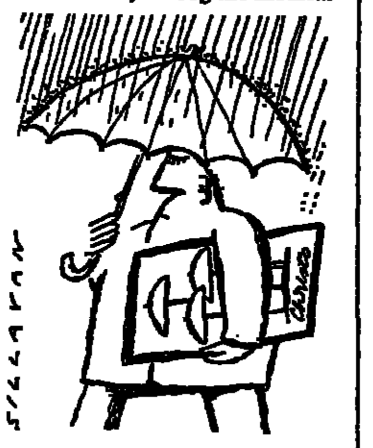
Close shave: A Spanish barber's shaving bowl, once owned by a Harley Street surgeon, sold for £330 (estimate £80) at Phillips.

Preview

● **Monday:** In 18th century Germany the pug became a Masonic recognition sign, and there are two 1740s Meissen examples in the Christie's ceramic sale, 10.30am: a large pair of porcelain model pugs, one suckling a puppy (up to £25,000), and a snuff box with pugs painted beneath the lid (up to £50,000).

Wednesday: Christie's offers a 500-plus lot of clocks, watches and barometers, 10.30am and 2.30pm. At 11am there are paintings and watercolours at Hampton's in Godalming. Hazlitt, Gooden and Fox has its "Indian painting for British patrons 1770 to 1860" show.

Thursday: Modern firsts and presentation books at Bloomsbury Book Auctions, 1pm. At Bonhams, 2pm, an armchair/library steps (up to £2,500), and a folding bed disguised as a George III bureau (up to £1,500). Also at 2pm, there is a skeleton (estimate £900) among the medical lots at Christie's South Kensington, and a good 19th century domestic medicine chest (estimate £500).



Friday: There should be some reasonable prices, perhaps even bargains, at Christie's Old Master and British paintings sale.

● *Christie's, King Street, St James's, SW1 (071-839 9060). Hamptons, 93 High Street, Godalming, Surrey (0483 423567). Bloomsbury Book Auctions, 3&4 Hardwick Street EC1 (071-833 2636). Bonhams, Montpelier Street, SW7 (071-584 9161). Hazlitt, Gooden and Fox, 38 Bury Street, St James's, SW1 (071-930 6422). Christie's South Kensington, 85 Old Brompton Road, SW7 (071-581 7611).*

Beware the chandelier's bid

Are buyers pushed into paying over the odds by the system of secret reserves?

Are buyers wasting money at auction, allowing their bids to be pushed up against non-existent competition?

The issue, topical in the present climate where buyers can be scarce, has been raised by Robin Simon, the editor of *Apollo Magazine*, the art and antiques monthly, in relation to a purchase by English Heritage at Sotheby's British paintings sale last November. Mr Simon believes that a number of major works sold because, although there was only one bidder, the auctioneer gave the impression of active competition. The reserve, or cheapest price at which the vendor will sell, was, he says, "the most active bidder on several occasions".

He draws attention to the *View from the Cascade Terrace, Chiswick*, by the English artist George Lambert, with figures said to be by William Hogarth. Bought for £200,000 by English Heritage, it hangs at Chiswick House, London.

Mr Simon takes a swipe at the National Art Collections Fund (one of the contributors to the purchase), saying it alerted Sotheby's to English Heritage's interest in the painting by asking to inspect it at their premises.

Of the sale itself, he says: "English Heritage fought a brave battle with the chandelier when it might have been better to sit on its collective hands and wait to do a deal privately, at what should then have been a lower figure."

The issue has inspired a defensive tirade from Sir Hugh Leggatt, the senior partner of the dealers Leggatt Brothers, who carried out the bidding on behalf of English Heritage. "You cannot afford to sit on your hands when you have an object which could have been exported. Nobody knows whether there was an underbidder. It was a bargain," he says.

And Simon Taylor, of Sotheby's British paintings department, says: "Firstly, it would be dangerous to take decisions on whether there is another bidder or not because you can get things wrong and miss the opportunity to buy. Even if you waited until after the sale there is no guarantee you could buy it. Someone else might get there first, or the owner might decide to keep it."

As to the point about reserves, he says: "Auctions have functioned for hundreds of years on secret reserves. It is the nature of auctions." However, current changes in New York law, instituted by its consumer affairs department, could require the auctioneer to state "I am now selling" as he passes the reserve.

Sir Peter Wakefield, the director of the National Art Collections Fund, says: "When one employs an experienced dealer one expects it to use its experience to know when to stop and when to go on."

Julius Bryant, the head of the museums division of English Heritage, accepts that Sotheby's valuation of £250,000 for the Lambert was based on last year's prices. "But", he says, "if you are a public body with a responsibility to a house like Chiswick you cannot worry about saving small sums." The article, he feels, was not so much a criticism of English Heritage as of the secret reserve system. "If the reserve were made public, it doesn't mean it's going to be sold for any less."

When asked whether there was an underbidder for the Lambert, a Sotheby's spokesman said: "We cannot reveal any details about underbidders."

Whether the Lambert was overpriced or not, the episode underlines the maxim, *caveat emptor*. Never assume that, if the bidding appears to be competitive, it is anything more than an illusion.

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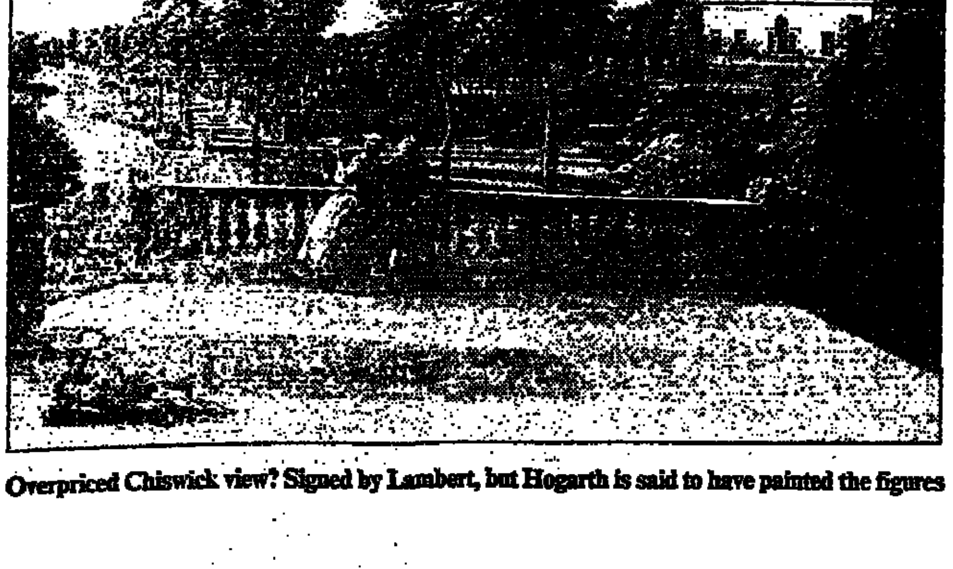

Overpriced Chiswick view? Signed by Lambert, but Hogarth is said to have painted the figures

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TELEVISION REVIEW

Unless I'm mistaken, it's Preston

Lynne Truss on misplaced locations in *The Casebook of Sherlock Holmes*; *Shrinks*, *Dispatches* and the final episode of *Culloden*

Having been rather rude last week about the selection of Wendy Perriam's Surbiton as a suitable subject for a documentary, I realised belatedly that I should write to a few producers myself, suggesting a feature on my own fascinating little corner of southeast London. It could show me, for example, pointing out the more colourful locals from behind locked windows; or telling the story of how *Police 5* was once filmed outside the tube station. Later, I might be shown making a leisurely visit to the corner-shop in the middle of the afternoon. Shots of me concealing a tear-gas canister in my coat-pocket could lead up to a scene of my breathless arrival on roller-skates, and an exchange of lively banter with the shopkeeper could encapsulate the quality of local life. "What crisps you got, then?" "Dunno. Except we got these new lard-flavour." "Lard-flavour?" "Yeah. Like Cookeen." "Oh. Right."

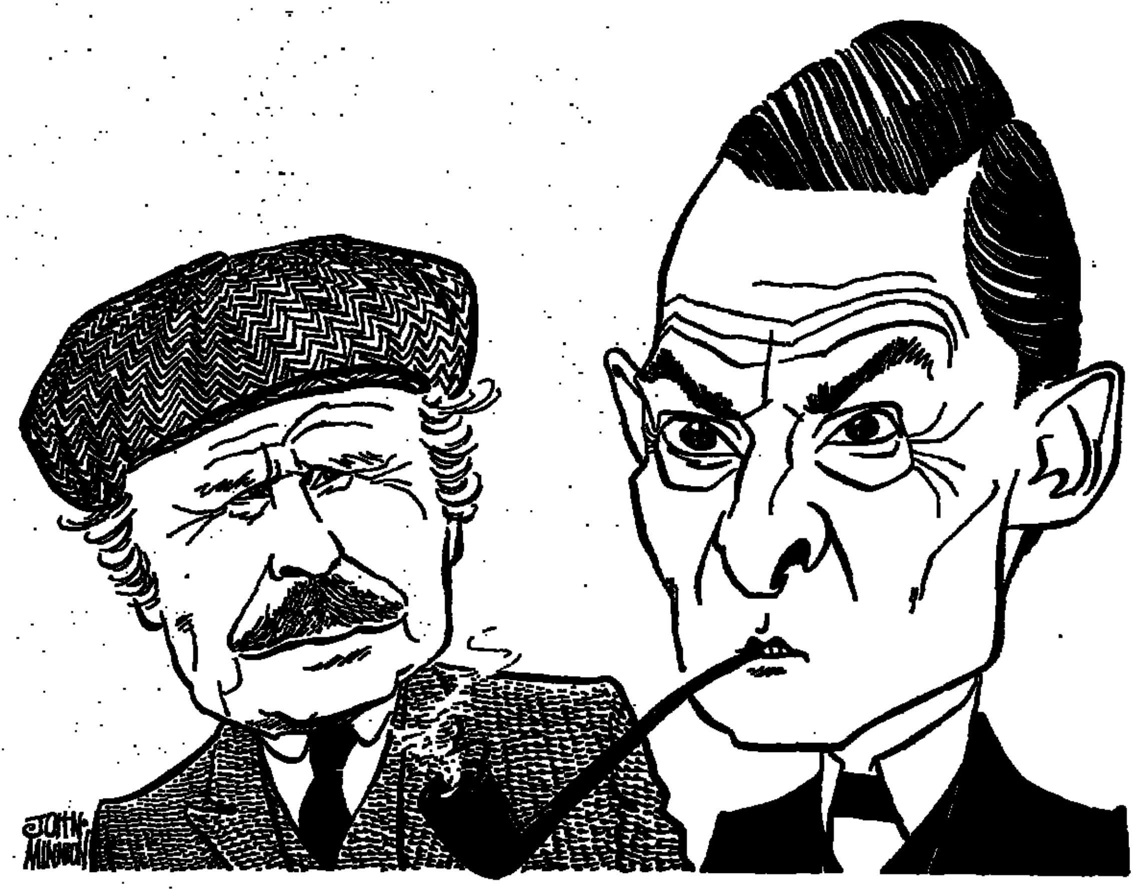
By rights, of course, we shouldn't need this documentary coverage because we should be featuring in Granada's **The Casebook of Sherlock Holmes** (ITV). Southeast London is part of the Holmes legend almost as much as Baker Street. A hundred years ago, any innocent person crossing a main thoroughfare in the area stood a good chance of being knocked flat by a clippety-clop hackney carriage conveying Holmes and Watson at top speed towards Brixton or Dulwich. But do we feature in the telly series? We do not. Does the wonderful Jeremy Brett pace our streets? Alas, no. In this week's "The Disappearance of Lady Frances Carfax" even Conan Doyle's brief-but-exact reference to Kennington was hurtfully omitted. And the London scenes were filmed, in any case, in Liverpool and Preston.

This has always struck me as the one false note in the Jeremy Brett Sherlock Holmes. Everything else is marvellous — the faithful dramatisations, the tasteful sepia hue, the virtuoso violin theme-tune and, above all, the flamboyance of Jeremy Brett. The whole project was well-conceived and has been brilliantly executed. My only little quibble is that the location shooting is centred on Granada's home in Manchester, with the effect that when Sherlock Holmes takes a train out of Waterloo into the home counties, what he sees from his window is an incongruously treeless landscape divided by dry stone walls. Similarly, when we hear about a country house in Hampshire, what we see is a huge granite castle (sometimes with turrets) surrounded by moors.

But this, as I said, is a minor quibble. Jeremy Brett is a magnificent Sherlock Holmes. Not only does he grasp each "Hah!" as an entirely new vocal challenge, but he has banished forever the notion of Holmes as a brain on a stick. It is, of course, a great help that the Granada writers and producers have given him a refreshingly companionable relationship with his Watson (David Burke originally; now Edward Hardwicke). But what makes Brett's Holmes so special is a quality that is strangely easy to overlook — his superb physical performance, which is graceful and seductive. And the way those little smiles play on his lips — well, I can't go on.

This has been a good week for drama, notable for a preponderance of stark-white complexions. Sometimes the sickly pallor indicated a delicate constitution, as in Alan Bennett's *102 Boulevard Haussman* (BBC 2), in which Alan Bates' superb Proust was so white he was almost green. But sometimes the pallor meant something less subtle, along the lines of "Mad, by Jingo!" — as in Nigel Terry's shell-shocked puppy-slaughtering daddy in the relentlessly doomy *Orchid House* (Channel 4); or in the performance of John Lynch as the requisite violent loony in this week's **Shrinks** (Thames).

The trouble with *Shrinks* is that in order to create a constant stream of dramatic situations, it must make us accept that the people who consult psychiatrists are dangerous wife-beaters who deep-down wish to be found out and stopped. This is nonsense. Surely the vast majority of patients are people in the reverse condition: those who feel guilty without having done anything at all.



Edward Hardwicke and Jeremy Brett: companionable detective partners in *The Casebook of Sherlock Holmes*

An added plot absurdity is that the psychopaths come along voluntarily and then refuse to talk. Still, one can understand how the artistic decision was made. Compare the line, "It's a slow process, but we will get there in the end" with "He's not saying, but I think he's a psychopath!", and you can see why the wife-beaters idea came out the winner.

It is an interesting fact that Sherlock Holmes thought wife-beaters almost deserved to die. In *The Adventure of the Abbey Grange* he investigated the murder of a violent husband, and was content to let the (male) perpetrator walk free, because "you acted under the most extreme provocation to which any man could be subjected". According to this week's shocking **Dispatches** (Channel 4), this sympathetic attitude is rarely extended by the courts of justice when it is the battered wife who does the killing. If a woman kills her husband, she is likely to receive a life sentence for murder. And if the woman has been battered for years, this fact is taken not as mitigation, but as an incriminating "motive". This double-bind reminded me of what Mae West said: "Every man I meet wants to protect me. I can't figure out what from."

Finally, **Culloden** (BBC 2) came to an end this week. This fly-on-the-wall series about a Tower Hamlets primary school has been highly compelling, much of the pleasure deriving from watching headmaster Geoff govern his temper. I remember a nice understated caption that read: "For Geoff, this is the final straw", when he appeared to be on the verge of apoplexy. His method of dealing with children seemed to be well-meant and based on a great optimism about social contracts. "If we are nice to you," he reasoned, "why aren't you nice to us?"

Inspired by Geoff, I have tried to adopt this civilised strategy into my own life. "I do not run out of petrol when you are relying on me, do I?" I say to the car, in a measured tone. Or, "Let's just think about it," I say to the cats. "How would you like it if I pulled all the threads out of your settee? If I were sick on your carpet?" This experiment may not last long. I think I used to enjoy the shouting too much. And, in any case, it seems to be having no noticeable effect.

Triumph of strength reborn

OPERA

Samson et Dalila
Covent Garden

THE sharpest dramatic moment came before the performance on Thursday night when Jeremy Isaacs marched onto the stage of the Royal Opera House, evidently with serious news to deliver. The audience, audibly sagging with disappointment, jumped to the conclusion that it would not after all be hearing José Carreras's return to the house after his recovery from leukaemia, but then lifted itself into a different sort of sadness when Isaacs revealed that what he had to say concerned the death of Dame Margot Fonteyn.

Carreras's decision to make his Covent Garden comeback as Samson was a spectacular act of bravado, this being one of the heaviest roles he might consider. His confidence was not misplaced. Right from his first entrance it was clear that his voice is in splendid shape, firm and true throughout the compass, and with all its old mellifluousness. Indeed, he appeared vocally stronger than ever, as plainly he was intending to do, though that did cause some problems of style and characterisation.

Carreras was particularly disinclined to offer any softness. Also, his understandable eagerness to present himself as fighting fit was rather at odds with the portrayal of suffering, so that his solo scene at the mill was too robustly healthy to convey the agonies of blindness and abasement. What we heard instead was pure, mature tone, rising to high notes of a ringing, liquid quality that his artistry kept just this side of being vulgar. It was encouraging to hear him in such full power, claiming a triumph of strength renewed.

Opposite him as Dalila was Agnes Baltsa, whose vocal strengths are distinctly more debatable. The gap between her smoky chest-tone and her radiant head voice is now complete, seemingly unbridgeable by any effort of technique. As a result, only lines which lie consistently low, such as the opening phrase of "Mon coeur s'oeuvre à ta voix", have any chance of sounding other than disjointed. Moreover, this low register has acquired a barking edge that gets in the way of the sensuousness Baltsa used to wield. Only in the last act did the present condition of her voice begin to be useful and not deeply disturbing and disappointing.

Jonathan Summers as the High Priest had a few problems in achieving power and steadiness, especially in the first act. Mark Beesley sang the Ancient Hebrew's solo with calm dignity, and Roderick Earle was suitably bleak as Abimelech. The choral singing lacked focus and conviction, and misfired whether the attempt was at massive force or quietness. This was also a patchy orchestral performance under Jacques Delacôte, with many weak entries and stretches of dull attention.

The stage pictures, though, are as striking as ever, with Sir Sidney Nolan's totemic images lit by Robert Bryan, and with a swirl of dancers around the pulsating shaman in the finale scene's bacchanale.

PAUL GRIFFITHS

DONALD COOPER

Show of renewed strength: José Carreras as Samson

Whizzpopping good fun

DONALD COOPER

Bottled magic: the Big Friendly Giant (Anthony Pedley) woos Sophie (Fiona Grogan)

THEATRE

The Big Friendly Giant
Wimbledon

AS MILLIONS of children know, Sophie looked out of her window one night to see a giant blowing dreams into the bedrooms of the houses opposite. Finding himself observed, he snatches Sophie from her bed and carries her off to his cave, where she finds he is a friendly old sort with a habit of getting his proverbs mixed. Very different, therefore, to the giant Bloodbottler, who likes chewing English children, or his colleagues who prefer young Swedes or (omitted in this stage version) the children of Baghdad.

The threat posed to the world's offspring is averted when Sophie persuades the BFG to creep up on Buckingham Palace and blow a warning dream at the Queen. Her Majesty behaves in perfect character and, unlike the queens in every fairy story I can remember, sorts matters out to general satisfaction.

David Wood's adaptation of Roald Dahl's splendid adventure solves the size problem by setting the tale as a birthday entertainment for a girl (Fiona Grogan, sometimes over-squeaky). Her schoolfriends galumph about in the embarrassing manner most actors affect when playing children, but after five minutes of this the adventure takes over, with the birthday girl's dad (Anthony Pedley) playing the BFG, peering into a doll's house and running away with the doll.

Audience attention wanders during the talky bits in the cave but the special effects are excellently done, notably the bubbles fizzing downwards in the bottles of frobscottle. As every child remembers, these cause the opposite of burps, and Wood's production demonstrates these explosions to universal joy. Even HM, though decorously, is amused.

The palace scenes are the tops. The giant's two-dimensional face wobbles feebly outside the royal window but for the ballroom breakfast he makes a full-size appearance in the form of a puppet the height of the stage, seated at a table supported on grandfather clocks. The sight of this creature nodding sagely, and of course whizzpopping above scuttling palace staff and the Queen (Mary-Ann Coburn, in full coronation clobber), shows that Wood still knows what to give the tots.

JEREMY KINGSTON

THEATRE

Ecstasy
Latchmere, Battersea

WHEN that melancholy ironist, Mike Leigh, calls a play *Ecstasy*, it is wise to take some tissues to the theatre. The characters are sure to be having an exceptionally doleful time. It should certainly be no surprise to find a heroine who spends her days at the till of a petrol station, staring across the forecourt at a brick wall, and her nights having desultory sex with sullen pick-ups. She is simply demonstrating her suitability for the leading part in a Leigh play with a very cheerful title.

Ecstasy first appeared in 1979, like all Leigh's work the product of improvisation during rehearsals. That would seem to make the task of revival unusually hard. How can new actors recreate a play the original cast invented as well as embodied? Well, with talent they can. Every other rep has staged Leigh's *Abigail's Party*. The young performers who coyly call themselves the Dark Horse Company prove *Ecstasy*, too, well worth the odd showing in the nation's studio theatres.

Apart from anything else, the play is truthful enough to hold the attention while nothing very much is going on and on. A short first act, in which Jean's affair with a passing lout ends in violence, is followed by a long second one consisting only of her drinking marathon with three old chums. The conversation drifts. Everybody keeps reassuring each other what great times they have had in the past and are having now. There is some singing. Tensions emerge, thanks to the drink, and, thanks to the drink, fail to become fully articulate. And that, more or less, is that.

No doubt Fiona Buffini's cast could find more pain and more rueful humour in the play; but they produce enough of both to keep it interestingly alive. Sean Cranitch is a laughing Irishman with a hint of danger beneath the feckless bluster; Moira Buffini plays his scatty wife and Jonathan Lermit a fellow-labourer whose forte is smiling stolidly at adversity; but the emotional centre is Isabel Lloyd's Jean, pinched, shy, and quietly, almost apologetically, in despair. She might have improvised the character herself. Certainly, she makes someone else's part her very own.

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

BRIEFING

Davis tops the podium

ANDREW Davis has been named top conductor in the Royal Philharmonic Society/Charles Heidsieck music awards for 1990. Davis won the award for his work with Glyndebourne and the BBC. Best large-scale ensemble was won by the English National Opera Orchestra, while the Lindsay Quartet took the small ensemble award. Poul Ruders and Harrison Birtwistle won composition awards; the opera award went to Opera North for *Barbe-Bleue*; best singer was Anne Sofie von Otter.

Jazz jitterbugs

AMERICAN jazz musicians are succumbing to fears over Gulf-related terrorism in Europe. The latest includes the 75-year-old Basie trumpeter Harry Edison, whose British tour was due to start this weekend. Novus star Marcus Roberts, who was to give a South Bank piano recital in April, has also pulled out. Rock musicians, too, are suffering Gulf jitters: first the Righteous Brothers called off their trip to Britain; then soul singer James Ingram cancelled his British tour, due to begin tomorrow.

Last chance . . .

HAVING been dismissed in the early phase of his career as an idiosyncratic artist outside the abstract mainstream, Howard Hodgkin now, at the age of 58, deserves to be ranked among the most outstanding painters of his generation. His reputation is substantiated by a large-scale retrospective at the Scottish National Gallery of Modern Art in Edinburgh (031-556 8921), which ends tomorrow.

Sting emits a relaxed buzz

ROCK

Sting
Beacon, New York

ON THE night the Grammies were dished out in Manhattan's Radio City, Sting was to be found just the other side of Central Park playing the last of a six-night residency at the 2,100-capacity Beacon Theatre, an early skirmish in a global campaign that is due to reach Britain in April.

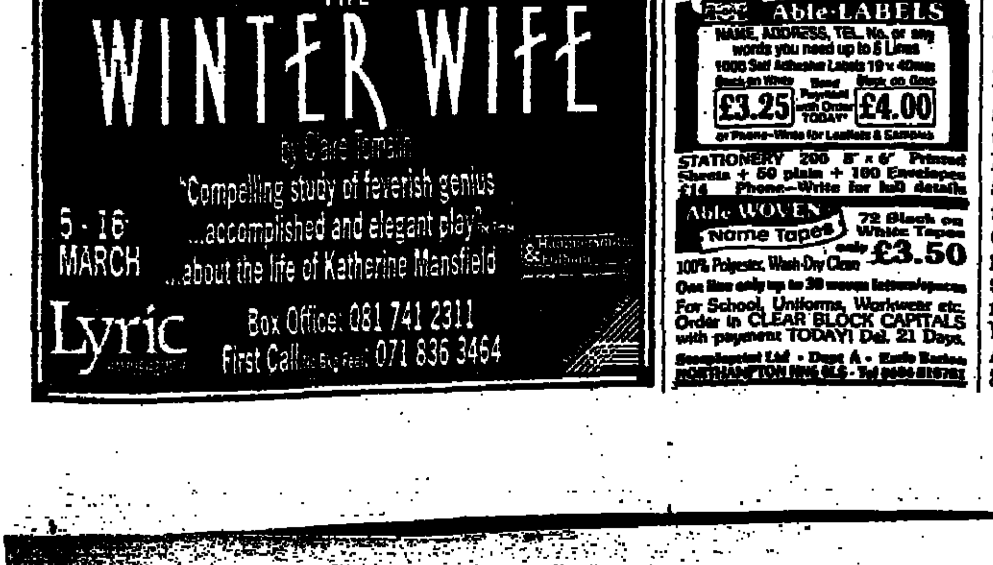
The good news is that he has gathered an altogether leaner, tougher and more aggressively-minded group around him than the lavish, quasi-jazz showband that he carted around for the 13-month *Nothing Like The Sun* tour of 1987-88. But even this welcome change of emphasis was not enough to breathe life into some of the duller material which mars his disappointing new album *The Soul Cages*.

The band could be characterised as Police Mk II plus keyboards. Argentinian guitarist Dominic Miller (ex-Pretenders) revealed himself as a player of muscular finesse, while drummer Vinnie Colaiuta (ex-Frank Zappa, Joni Mitchell) caned a tight, dry snare and a variety of little splash cymbals in a style that was delightfully redolent of the great Stewart Copeland. Keyboard virtuoso David Sancious (ex-Bruce Springsteen) fleshed out the sound with a majestic tone, and Sting, back playing the bass at last, lent a punchy edge to the ensemble with his economic staccato phrases.

The show was notable for its surprising choices of material. A fairly faithful recreation of Hendrix's "Purple Haze" and a cool, jazzed-up version of Bill Withers's "Ain't No Sunshine" juiced-up proceedings, but best of all was the way they tackled several chunks of the Police legacy. "Roxanne", "Bring on the Night", "Message in a Bottle" and "Every Breath You Take" were all rejigged, and belted out with energetic bravado.

Sting, dressed in figure-hugging black from top to toe, and in an evidently relaxed mood throughout, was in fine voice and seemed positively to be enjoying himself. Perhaps the weight of the world is beginning to shift from those slender shoulders at last.

DAVID SINCLAIR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9.00 News 9.05 Going Live! Sarah Greene and Philip Schofield present the magazine programme for children, including cartoon fun, letters and competitions, and the fast-moving quiz, Clockwise. Guests are Todd Carty of *EastEnders*, England rugby union captain Will Carling and comedienne Ruby Wax 12.12 Weather
12.15 Grandstand introduced by Bob Wilson. The line-up is (subject to alteration). 12.20 Football: a review of the fifth round of the FA cup, 12.30, 1.20 and 1.50 Hockey: the European nations indoor cup from Birmingham, featuring Scotland v Germany and France v England; 1.00 News; 1.10, 1.35, 2.05 and 2.35 Racing from Punchestown; 2.20 and 4.00 Bowls: the Midland Bank world indoor championships, 2.50 Rugby League: live coverage of the second half of a Silk Cut challenge cup second round match; 3.50 Football half-times, 4.40 Final Score
5.10 News and weather
5.30 Regional News and sport. Wales: (to 5.50) Wales on Saturday
5.35 Cartoon
5.50 Jim'll Fix It. Jimmy Savile makes dreams come true for a six-year-old blind girl who has a magical time with Paul Daniels; two teenagers to take a dive in a submarine; a nine-year-old who gets a ride in a Ferrari, and two 11-year-olds who arrange for their mothers to be pampered for a day (Ceefax)
6.25 'Allo 'Allo! *Doubles entendres* and raunchy farce from the sitcom set in Nazi-occupied France. Michelle of the Resistance (Kirsten Cooke) tries to help the British airmen get back to England, but when General Von Klinkerhoffen (Hilary Minster) wants to sample the contents of René's wine cellar, the escape plans run into trouble. (Ceefax)
6.55 The Paul Daniels Magic Show. Includes a visit to the magical world of opera with the help of the composer/conductor Carl Davis. Guests include the unicycling Intrepidas from Colombia, and Duo Lodoi, two ladies from Mongolia who tie themselves up in knots

Investigating the case of a runaway wife: John Nettles (7.40pm)

7.40 Bergerac: Warriors. John Nettles as the Jersey private investigator visits England to look for a runaway wife (Ursula Howells) and becomes involved with a strange sect (Ceefax)
8.35 Don't Wait Up. Lightweight sitcom about father-and-son doctors, amiably played by Tony Britton and Nigel Havers. Tom is awaiting the birth of his first baby, who is five days overdue, and Toby has his arm in a sling (r). (Ceefax)
9.05 News with Martyn Lewis (Ceefax) sport and weather
9.30 Midnight Caller: Nighthawk's Got The Blues. Polished American series featuring Gary Cole as the cop turned radio talk show host Jack Killian. When Killian begins drinking on the air and arriving late for work, his behaviour causes concern (Ceefax)
10.20 The Full Wax. The noisy and outrageous Ruby Wax talks men and sex with Joan Rivers, skates the Bolero with Christopher Dean, and goes on a blind date with David Sullivan, owner of the *Sunday Sport*
10.55 Film: The Stepford Children (1987) starring Don Murray, Barbara Eden and James Coco. In a lively sequel to the 1975 chiller, *The Stepford Wives*, and the 1980 film, *Revenge of the Stepford Wives*, Murray moves his family back to his suburban hometown, seemingly perfect Stepford, hoping that it has the answer to difficult teenagers. Directed by Alan J. Levi
12.20am News
12.30 Level 42 — Fait Accompli. A record of a hectic year in the life of pop group Level 42. Filmed in 1988 during the recording of their *Staring at the Sun* album
1.30 Weather

BBC 2

6.50 Open University: Maths — The Binomial Theorem 7.15 Rome Under The Pope: Church and Empire 7.40 Landscape: Bodmin and Dorset 8.05 Introduction to Economics: Using the Aggregate Demand and Supply Model 8.30 Designing with Models 8.55 Information Technology — A Revolution 9.20 Adult Education: The University of the Third Age 9.45 Educational Issues: From Child to Pupil 10.10 Images and Information: Your Own Optics Laboratory 10.35 State and Society: Revolutions and the Modern State 11.00 Education: What Can I Do? 11.25 Living Choices: Good Moves 11.50 Education: Personality, Development and Learning 12.15 Poetry: Blake the Artist 12.40 Art in 15th Century Florence 1.05 Science, Technology and Everyday Life 1.30 Modern Art: Artists' Techniques 1.55 Pilgrimage: The Shrine at Loreto 2.20 Ecology: The Bleiham Tubes
2.45 Mahabarat. Continuation of the epic Indian serial
3.25 The Sky at Night: The Fastest Clock in the Universe. Patrick Moore scans the skies in search of pulsars (r).
3.45 Film: Knights of the Round Table (1953). Flat adaptation of the legend in which Lancelot, banished from the court for loving Arthur's Queen Guinevere, returns heroically to help defeat the evil Mordred, amid much cheering from the peasants. Starring Ava Gardner and Robert Taylor. Directed by Richard Thorpe
5.35 Bowls. Dougie Donnelly presents the final of the pairs tournament in the Midland Bank world indoor championships
6.40 Late Again. This week's highlights from the arts and media magazine *The Late Show*
7.25 News and weather 7.40 Ron Pickering — A Tribute
8.10 Rhythms of the World: Ireland — You Should Have Been Here Last Night.

● CHOICE: *Andrew Eaton's survey of Irish folk music from its revival in the early Fifties is a mixture of oral history and performance which casts a wide geographical net and sets the subject against striking photography of the Irish landscape. There is much emphasis on the passing down of skills through families, although paradoxically the post-war resurgence was stimulated by such mechanical aids as the radio and the gramophone. Charming scraps of old black-and-white footage help to establish the sense of period but the programme in anchored in the memories of the musicians, who include Sean Keane of The Chieftains, but are more often ordinary people making music in their own homes. The subject is approached instrument by instrument, with the fiddle, the pipes, the tin-whistle and the accordion taking centre stage by turn*

9.05 French and Saunders. The comedy duo who are almost too large for the small screen bounce back with another selection of sketches. Dawn and Jennifer demonstrate how to mismanage an actor's agency and revive the almost-forgotten delights of snogging, with the help of special guests Jane Asher, Courtney Pine, Vas Blackwood and Kevin Allen. Last in the repeated series
9.35 John Sessions's Tall Tales: The Toy Shop. This last episode in the series of one-man plays finds the comic actor cast as an intrepid toy shop assistant faced with a difficult customer

Gangsterdom: James Caan, Marlon Brando, Al Pacino (10.00pm)

10.00 Film: The Godfather (1972).

● CHOICE: With part three of *The Godfather* opening in the cinema next month, BBC2 is offering a refresher course on parts one (tonight) and two (next Saturday). Traditional Hollywood gangster films were not inclined to linger. Pace and brevity were the thing and 90 minutes were usually enough. *The Godfather* adopted a more leisurely treatment and a broader sweep. It is gangsterdom on the epic scale, charting a complex family saga over several decades and alternating between New York and Sicily. The huge narrative is skilfully controlled by the director Francis Ford Coppola and includes fine set-pieces such as the opening wedding sequence. Marlon Brando's husky-voiced portrayal of the old gang boss tends to dominate the film but there is much fine playing from the younger actors, notably James Caan, Diane Keaton and, above all, Al Pacino, as the son who takes Brando's place. Caan also appears in *Naked Hollywood* (BBC2, tomorrow, 8.05pm). (Ceefax)

12.50am Twin Peaks. A second opportunity for millions of *Peak*-freaks to discover the identity of Laura Palmer's killer. David Lynch feeds the audience with a final catch of red herrings, but among them lies the shark that snapped up Laura's life (r). Ends at 1.40

ITV

6.00 TV-am
9.25 Motormouth. Andy Crane, Gaby Roslin and Neil Buchanan introduce more music, cartoons and competitions. Special guests include Terry Nutkins from *The Really Wild Show* who drops in to give some more fascinating facts about the animal world.
11.30 The ITV Chart Show. The Vintage Video slot features Village People
12.30 Saint & Greavsie. Ian St John and Jimmy Greaves take a look at the best of the League action and the fourth round of the Tennents Scottish Cup. There is also a preview of tomorrow's Rumbelows League Cup semi-final second leg between Leeds United and Manchester United. Plus tonight's world championship boxing between Britain's WBO middleweight title holder, Chris Eubank, and the Canadian, Dan Sherry
1.00 News with Nicholas Owen. Weather 1.05 LWT News and weather
1.10 Grand Sportsmasters. Sports knowledge quiz hosted by Dickie Davies
1.40 World Sport Special. A look at the week's major sporting action from around the world. Followed by The Day (r)
2.10 Golf: PGA Tour '91. Action from the Shearson Lehman Brothers Classic
3.05 Snooker: The Pearl Assurance British Open. Tony Francis presents coverage from the Assembly Rooms in Derby in the second year of one of snooker's most innovative tournament formats — a straight draw which could pit the top players against each other in the early rounds. The original 200 players have been whittled down to 32 and this afternoon's matches could feature any of the big names playing head to head. Commentary is provided by John Pulman, Rex Williams and Mark Wildman
4.45 News and weather
5.00 Results Service presented by Elton Welsby 5.10 LWT News and weather
5.15 Beverly Hills, 90210. Glossy American drama following the lives of the Walshes, a Minnesota family who suffer a severe case of culture shock on moving to California. (Oracle)
6.10 Catchphrase. Roy Walker invites two new contestants to test their word skills in return for cash prizes and the chance to win a luxury holiday
6.40 You Bet! Matthew Kelly and Ellis Ward host the show in which people can employ unusual talents to raise money for charity. The celebrity guests are actress Gemma Craven, disc jockey David Jensen and darts supremo Eric Bristow and those who demonstrate their skills include a card player with an incredible memory and two high-speed plasterers

The dishevelled detective is in Malibu: Peter Falk (7.40pm)

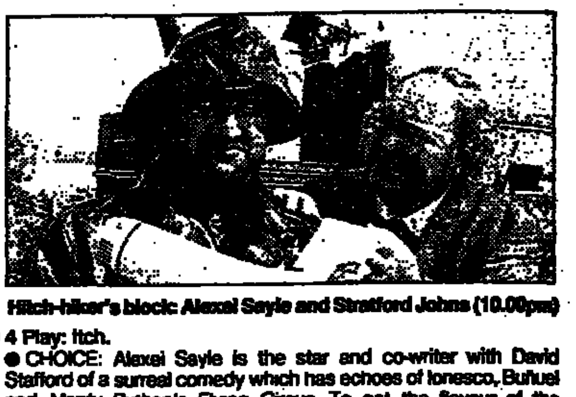
7.40 Film: Columbo — Murder, Smoke and Shadows (1988). Peter Falk returns as the dirty-raincoated detective with just one more question in the first of three feature-length, made-for-television movies. When the body of a man is found on Malibu Beach, the only clue to the identity is a book about a famous film director found near the corpse. Directed by Jim Frawley. (Oracle)
9.30 News with Julia Somerville, sport and weather 9.45 LWT weather
9.50 Aspel & Company. Michael Aspel chats to Sharon Gless, star of *Cagney and Lacey* and currently playing a lawyer in *The Trials Of Rosie O'Neill*; Aussie wit Clive James; and the androgynous Boy George
10.35 World Championship Boxing and Snooker. Chris Eubank defends his WBO middleweight championship, Canadian Dan Sherry, a former Commonwealth Games champion. There is also further coverage of the Pearl Assurance British open bowls championships. Including Gulf News Report at 12.00approx
1.00 Film: The War Of The Worlds (1952) starring Gene Barry, Anne Robinson and Lee Tremayne. American adaptation of the H.G. Wells story about the Martians invading Earth. A mixture of wooden acting and Oscar-winning special effects. Directed by Byron Haskin
2.35 American College Football. Texas v Texas A & M
3.35 Fun in the Sun. Beach sport action
4.00 The Hitman And Her. Pete Waterman and Michaela Strachan intoduce music, dancing, fun and games from another trendy nightspot
5.00 The Twilight Zone: Special Service. A tale of the supernatural
5.30 ITN Morning News with Richard Bath. Ends at 6.00

CHANNEL 4

6.00 Comic Book. Cartoons 7.00 Trans World Sport
8.00 The Channel 4 Daily with the latest news from the Gulf
9.15 Channel 4 Racing: The Morning Line. A review of the week's racing, plus a preview of today's meetings 9.25 Sing and Swing. Classic jazz performances from the Thirties and Forties (r)
9.30 Same Difference. Libby Cross looks at the realities facing five million British disabled people (r)
10.00 Free For All. Magazine programme *where viewers discuss topical* issues (r)
10.30 Film: William at the Circus (1948, b/w). Continuing the series of films featuring the precocious schoolboy created by Richmal Crompton. Starring William Graham, Garry Marsh and Jane Welsh. Directed by Val Guest
12.10 The Three Stooges in *Flat Foot Stooges* (1938, b/w). Directed by Charley Chase
12.30 The Munsters (b/w) (r)
1.00 Film: It Should Happen to You (1954, b/w).

● CHOICE: The daffy Judy Holliday gives one of her best screen performances as an unemployed model who blows her savings on a huge billboard in the middle of New York so that she can put up her name and become famous. Although she is called Gladys Glover, the ploy works. Soap company executive Peter Lawford offers her six more sites and she becomes a star of television shows and panel games. This sharply-written romantic comedy reunited Holliday with the writer, *Garson Kanin*, and director, George Cukor, with whom she made her three previous films, *Adam's Rib, Born Yesterday* and *The Marrying Kind. It Should Happen to You* is also notable for a distinguished screen debut by Jack Lemmon, playing a young film-maker who falls for Holliday and forces her to choose between love and fame

2.35 In Plain Sight. Experimental short film mixing animation and still photography
2.45 Channel 4 Racing From Kempton Park. John Francome introduces live coverage of the 3.00, 3.35, 4.10 and 4.40 races
5.05 Brookside. Omnibus edition of the soap set in a suburban Liverpool cul-de-sac (r). (Teletext)
6.30 Right to Reply introduced by Rory McGrath. Presenters of *The Word* come in for criticism and there is a discussion on why television detective dramas are so popular
7.00 The World This Week with the latest news from the Gulf and a look at the blackmarket in Leningrad. Followed by Weather
8.00 The Land of Europe: Irja and Heino. Documentary charting a year in the lives of Irja and Heino Alanampa, who live 100 miles north of the Arctic Circle in Finnish Lapland. (Teletext)
9.00 LA Law: Fifty Ways to Floss Your Lover. Van Owen's life is in danger from a murderer and Sifuentes suffers unrequited love for his beautiful dentist, who is more interested in his teeth than any other part of him (r). (Teletext)



Hitch-hiker's block: Alexei Sayle and Stratford Johns (10.00pm)

10.00 4 Play: Itch.

● CHOICE: Alexei Sayle is the star and co-writer with David Stafford of a surreal comedy which has echoes of Ionesco, Buñuel and *Monty Python's Flying Circus*. To get the flavour of the dialogue, wrap your mind round: "People don't keep papier maché swordfish in converted fire engines, but that's no reason why we should start". Sayle plays a compulsive hitch-hiker who tries to get to Colchester but ends up marooned on a roundabout on the edge of an embryo new town. He is stuck there for a year, growing his own vegetables and exercising a benevolent influence on the dotty locals, each of whose lives is transformed by his presence. Katy Murphy (from *Your Cheatin' Heart*), Stratford Johns and Brid Brennan shine in an excellent cast and the director is Beeban Kidron of the much-praised BBC drama serial, *Oranges Are Not the Only Fruit*

11.05 The Secret Cabaret. More stylish deceptions presided over by the illusionist Simon Drake. Ricky Jay deals a game of poker and James Randi, a sceptic, takes a look into the dark world of astrology. Guests include pickpocket Mark Raffles and the unusual Fluke (r)
11.35 After Dark. On the eve of the Wolff report on the state of the prison service an open-ended discussion between former prisoners, including *Spectator* columnist Taki, Tony Lambrianou, an associate of the Kray brothers, and prison officials

SATELLITE

SKY ONE

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
6.00am Elephant Boy 6.30 The Flying Kiwi 7.00 Fun Factory 11.00 The Bionic Woman 12.00 Beyond 2000 1.00pm Combat 2.00 WWF Wrestling Challenge 3.00 Cool Cube 5.00 The Magician 6.00 Parker Lewis Can't Lose 6.30 The Addams Family 7.00 Free Spirit 7.30 In Living Color 8.00 China Beach 9.00 Designing Women 9.30 Murphy Brown 10.00 The Happening 11.30 Monsters 12.00 A Twist in the Tale 12.30am Pages from Skytext

SKY NEWS

● Via the Astra satellite.
News on the hour
5.00am Sky Newswatch 6.00 Sunrise 9.00 Daytime 9.30 Newsline 10.30 The Reporters 11.30 Our World 12.00 News Hour 1.30 The Reporters 2.30 International Business Report Week 4.30 Our World 5.00 Live at Five 6.30 The Reporters 8.30 Our World 10.30 The Reporters 11.30 NBC Nightly News 12.30am CBS News 1.30 The Reporters 2.30 NBC Nightly News 3.30 CBS News 4.30 Those Were the Days

SKY NEWS

● Via the Marcopolo satellite.
News on the hour.
5.00am Sky Newswatch 6.00 Sunrise 9.00 Daytime 9.30 Newsline 10.30 The Reporters 11.30 Our World 1.30 Opera: Verdi's MacBeth 4.30 Concert: Peter Schrier 6.30 The Reporters 7.30 Ballet: The Firebird 10.30 Jazz: Chick Corea and Steve Kujala 11.30 NBC Nightly News 12.30am CBS News 1.30 The Reporters 2.30 NBC Nightly News 3.30 CBS News 4.30 Those Were the Days

SKY MOVIES

● Via the Astra satellite.
8.00am The Power of Football (1978): Highlights of the 1978 World Cup Finals 10.00 The Adventures of Captain Schnauzer. Cartoon fun with the intrepid canine 12.00 The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes (1939, b/w): Arch-villain Moriarty (George Zucco) sends Holmes (Basil Rathbone) and Watson (Nigel Bruce) on a false trail as part of his plan to steal the crown jewels
2.00pm License to Drive: When teenager Corey Haim fails his driving test, he borrows his father's vintage car to take out his dream girl
4.00 The Accidental Tourist (1988). William Hurt is brought out of his shell by eccentric dog trainer Geena Davis
6.00 Club Med (1986): The romantic adventures of five holidaymakers
7.40 Entertainment Tonight
8.00 Getting It Right (1989): Gavin (Jesse Birdsall), a 31-year-old virgin, is taken on a voyage of discovery by a flamboyant divorcée (Lynn Redgrave)
10.00 Colors (1987): Urban thriller about a veteran cop (Robert Duvall) and his young partner (Sean Penn) fighting a losing battle to control the street gangs of Los Angeles
12.00 Call Me (1987): A young woman agrees to meet the man who has been plaguing her with erotic phone calls
1.45am Manhunter (1986): A cop with psychic powers comes out of retirement to pursue a vicious serial killer
4.00 Crazy Moon (1986) Kiefer Sutherland plays an eccentric rich boy who falls in love with a free-spirited young deaf girl (Vanessa Vaughn) Ends at 5.30

EUROSPORT

● Via the Astra satellite.
6.00am Children's Programming 7.00 Fun Factory 9.00 Saturday Alive: Ford Ski Report; Stuttgart Classic Tennis; Equestrianism; Volleyball, Indoor Athletics; BOC Round the World Race; Stuttgart Classic Tennis 9.30 Ringside 10.30 Indoor Speedway Championships 11.30 Biathlon World Championships 12.30am Stuttgart Classic Tennis

SCREENSPORT

● Via the Astra satellite.
7.00am Citroen Ski Europe 8.00 World Snooker Classics 10.00 Motor Sport Nascar Daytona 500 12.00 Stop-Mud And Monsters 1.00pm Volleyball Euro Champs 2.00 NBA Basketball 4.00 Powersports International 5.00 Spain Spain Sport 5.15 US Pro Ski Tour Slalom 6.00 Argentine Football 8.00 Ice Hockey 10.00 Live Pro Box 11.00 Ice Hockey 12.00 Ice Racing Individual World Cup Semi-Final 1.00am ATP US Pro Indoor Champs: Men 3.00 Motor Sport Nascar Daytona 500 5.00 World Snooker Classics 7.00 Ice Racing Individual World Cup Semi-Final

MTV

● Via the Astra satellite.
Twenty-four hours of rock and pop

LIFESTYLE

● Via the Astra satellite.
12.00 Johnny Ringo 12.30pm The Bill Dana Show 1.00 The Joan Rivers Show 1.50 He Shoots! He Scores! 2.45 Spain Spain Sport 3.00 World Class Championship Wrestling 4.00 The Edge of Night 6.00 The Sell-a-Vision Shopping Channel 8.00 Close 10.00 Satellite Jukebox

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

● Via the Marcopolo satellite.
1.00pm The Stranger's Hand (1953, b/w): A young boy is left alone and afraid in Venice when his father disappears
2.30 Peter Ibbetson (1935, b/w): Childhood sweethearts Gary Cooper and Ann Harding are reunited in heaven
4.00 Shootdown (1988): Based on the true story of the Korean passenger jet shot down by a Soviet missile in 1983
6.00 Christine Cromwell: Easy Come, Easy Go (1988): Legal eagle Jaclyn Smith goes to work on behalf of two clients suspected of murdering a con artist
7.45 The Film Charts
8.00 BAT 21 (1988): A young and reckless American pilot is sent behind Vietcong lines to rescue a colleague
10.00 Grandmother's House (1988): A maniacal woman attacks two children on a remote farm
11.35 Rampage (1988): Michael Biehn goes against his beliefs to secure the death penalty for a convicted murderer
1.15am Psycho 3 (1986): Starring Anthony Perkins. Ends at 3.00

THE SPORTS CHANNEL

● Via the Marcopolo satellite.
10.30am Snooker 12.30pm Texas Rodeo Championships 1.30 Racing Today 2.00 Tuff Trax 3.00 Sportstalk 3.30 Motor World 4.00 American Sports Cavalcade 5.00 American Wrestling 6.00 On Wheels 7.00 NHL Ice Hockey 8.00 Snooker 10.00 Scottish Football Magazine 11.00 Racing Today 11.30 Snooker

THE POWER STATION

● Via the Marcopolo satellite.
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RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW. 5.00am Jenny Costello 7.00 The Bruno and Liz Breakfast Show 10.00 Dave Lee Travis 1.00pm Adrian Juste 2.00 American Airwaves. A look at WAGG, a Christian radio station, which has been broadcasting to the people of Birmingham, Alabama since 1950 3.00 The Saturday Sequence with Richard Skinner 7.00 The Saturday Rock Show with Alan Freeman 10.00 In Concert: Paul Young, recorded at London's Town and Country Club last December and Bobby Womack, recorded at Lewisham Theatre last October 11.00-2.00am John Peel

RADIO 2

FM Stereo 4.00am Dave Bussey 6.00 Graham Knight. The Saturday Show 8.05 Ronnie Hilton: Sounds of the Fifties 9.00 Brian Matthew: Sounds of the Sixties 10.00 Anne Robinson 12.00 Gerald Harper 1.30pm The News Huddlines (r) 2.00 Robin Ray on Record 3.00 Gerry Anderson 4.45 Carol Williams at the Allen organ at the Church of Christ, the Prince of Peace, Weybridge, Surrey 5.00 Cinema 2 with Charles Nove 5.30 Music by . . . Richard Rodney Bennett 6.00 Bob Holness Requests the Pleasure . . . 7.00 Jazz Score 7.30 Saturday Gala Night: Under the Weather. From the White Rock Theatre, Hastings, a concert with a meteorological outlook (r) 9.30 Easy Does It 10.00 Radio 2 Arts Programme with Sheridan Morley 12.05am Cinema 2 (broadcast at 5.00pm) 12.30 Andrew Lane with Night Ride

RADIO 5

6.00am World Service: Newsdesk 6.30 Morning Edition, incl 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News 7.05, 8.05, 9.00 Sport 9.02 On Your Marks, incl 10.00, 11.00 Sport 12.00 News: Sport on 4 Plus 1 (broadcast on Radio 4 at 9.05am) 12.30pm Sports Call: Phone-in quiz. Tel: 0345 909 693 1.30 Sport on 5 with John Inverdale Football: Barclays League, Rugby Union: Pilkington Cup quarter-finals; Racing from Kempton Park: (3.00) Tote Hurdle Placepot (3.35) Galloway Brass Novices Chase; Rugby League: Silk Cut Challenge Cup 5.00 Sports Report 6.00 As Radio 4 10.00 Sports Bulletin 10.15 As Radio 4 11.00 Sport 11.10 World Service: People and Politics 11.40 The International Money Programme 11.55 Words of Faith 12.00-12.10am News and Sport

WORLD SERVICE

All times in GMT. 5.00am German Features 5.35 News in German, Headlines in English and French 5.41 Press Review 5.52 Financial News 5.58 Weather and Travel News 6.00 Newsdesk 6.30 Londres Matin 6.59 Londres Matin 7.00 World News 7.15 24 Hours 8.00 World News 8.09 Words of Faith 8.15 A Jolly Good Show 9.00 World News 9.15 Here's Humph! 9.30 Financial News 9.39 Sports Roundup 10.00 World News 10.15 Letter from America 10.30 People and Politics 11.00 Newsdesk 11.30 Mid Magazine 11.59 Travel News 12.00 World News 12.15pm Multitrack 3 12.45 Sports Roundup 1.00 World News 1.15 24 Hours 2.00 World News 2.00 World News 2.15 Club 648 2.30 Sportsworld 3.00 World News 3.15 Sportsworld (cont) 4.00 World News 4.15 BBC English 4.30 News and Features in German 4.59 Travel News 5.00 News Summary 5.15 Sportsworld: Final Results 5.30 Londres Soir 6.14 News Headlines in English 6.15 BBC English 6.30 Heute Aktuell 7.54 News in German 8.00 World News 8.09 Society Today 8.25 Words of Faith 8.30 Meridian 9.00 World News 9.15 From Our Own Correspondent 9.45 Write On... 10.00 Newshour 11.00 World News 11.09 Book Choice 11.15 A Jolly Good Show 12.00 Newsdesk 12.30am The Ken Bruce Show 1.00 World News 1.05 Play of the Week: The Scottish Play 2.00 Newsdesk 2.30 The Jews of Eastern Europe 3.00 World News 3.30 From Our Own Correspondent 3.50 Write On... 3.59 Weather 4.00 Newsdesk 4.20 Personal View 4.45 News and Press Review in German

ITV VARIATIONS

ANGLIA

As London except: 2.10pm-3.05 The A-Team 1.00am 1990 At The Movies 2.00 The Hit Man and Her 4.00 Indy Car World 5.05-5.30 Peppino

BORDER

As London except: 1.40pm The Silk Road 2.40-3.05 Spectacular World of Guinness Records 1.00am Kojak 2.00 The Hit Man and Her 4.00 CinemAttractions 4.30 Comics — the Ninth Art 5.00-5.30 America's Top Ten

CENTRAL

As London except: 1.40pm Ski Tips 2.10-3.05 Matlock 1.00am Film: Her Favourite Husband (Jean Kent, Robert Beatty) 2.30 Hodson Confidential 3.00 CinemAttractions 3.30 America's Top Ten 4.00 American College Football 5.00-5.30 Central Jobfinder '91

CHANNEL

As London except: 2.10pm-3.05 The Life and Times of Grizzly Adams 1.00am Film: Kiss Me, Kill Me 2.30 America's Top Ten 3.00 CinemAttractions 3.30 American College Football 4.30 California Highways 5.00-5.30 Supercar

GRAMPIAN

As London except: 1.40pm Abair 2.10-3.05 Coronation Street 1.00am Kojak 2.00 The Hit Man and Her 4.00 CinemAttractions 4.30 Comics — the Ninth Art 5.00-5.30 America's Top Ten

GRANADA

As London except: 1.40pm McCloud 2.40-3.05 The Spectacular World of Guinness Records 1.00am Kojak 2.00 The Hit Man and Her 4.00 CinemAttractions 4.30 Comics — the Ninth Art 5.00-5.30 America's Top Ten

HTV WEST

As London except: 2.10pm-3.05 The Young Riders 1.00am Hardball 1.55 Film: Creatures the World Forgot (Julie Edge, Brian O'Shaughnessy) 3.35 New Music 4.25 Raw Power 5.20-5.30 Out of Limits

HTV WALES

As HTV West except: No Variations

SCOTTISH

As London except: 1.40pm Here Come the Double Deckers 2.05 This is America, Charlie Brown 2.35-3.05 The Spectacular World of Guinness Records 1.00am Desperado 3.00 Film: Follow a Star* (Norman Wisdom, June Laverick, Jerry Desmonde) 5.00-5.30 War's Way

TSW

As London except: 1.40pm The South West Week 2.10 Coronation Street 3.05-4.05 Badminton 1.00 Kojak 2.00 The Hit Man and Her 4.00 CinemAttractions 4.30 Comics — the Ninth Art 5.00-5.30 America's Top Ten

TVS

As London except: 2.10pm-3.05 The Life and Times of Grizzly Adams 1.00am Film: Kiss Me, Kill Me (Stella Stevens, Michael Anderson Jr) 2.30 America's Top Ten 3.00 CinemAttractions 3.30 American College Football 4.30 California Highways 5.00-5.30 Supercar

TYNE TEES

As London except: 2.10pm-3.05 The A-Team 1.00am Kojak 2.00 The Hit Man and Her 4.00 Comics — the Ninth Art 4.30-5.30 America's Top Ten

ULSTER

As London except: 1.40pm Superstars of Wrestling 2.40-3.05 Munsters Today 1.00am Kojak 2.00 The Hit Man and Her 4.00 CinemAttractions 4.30 Comics — the Ninth Art 5.00-5.30 America's Top Ten

YORKSHIRE

As London except: 1.40pm The A-Team 2.35-3.05 The Spectacular World of Guinness Records 1.00am The Equalizer 2.00 The Hit Man and Her 4.00 Derrick 5.10-5.30 Concorde

S4C

Starts: 6.00am The Art of Landscape 7.00 Transworld Sport 8.00 C4 Daily 9.15 Morning Line 9.25 Sing and Swing 9.30 Same Difference 10.00 Class by Class 10.30 Free for All 11.00 Travelog 11.30 Remote Control 12.00 Jonathan Ross 12.30 Sumo 1.00 Film: It Should Happen to You 2.35 In Plane Sight 2.45 Racing from Kempton 5.05 Brookside 6.30 Newyddion 6.45 Nos Sadwrn 7.45 Saethu'r Sarth 8.15 Y Maes Chwarae 9.15 Cynhadledd Democratiaid Rhyddfrydol 91 9.25 Film: Too Late Blues* (Bobby Darin, Stella Stevens) 11.25 Ladies and Gentlemen 11.35 After Dark 1.35 Diwedd

RTE 1

Starts: 9.00am Scratch Saturday 1.00 Chips 1.50 News followed by You Ruined my Life 2.50 Beyond 2000 3.45 Film: Seven Thunders (Stephen Boyd, James Robertson Justice) 5.30 Jabas 6.00 The Angelus 6.01 News 6.15 Mailbag 6.40 Talkabout 7.05 Star Trek: The Next Generation 8.00 Secrets 9.00 News 9.20 Dallas 10.15 Kenny Live 11.35 Rules of Engagement 12.35am News 12.40 Close

NETWORK 2

Starts: 12.30pm News 12.34 Sports Stadium 5.10 Rookie of the Year 6.00 Death Valley Days 6.30 Sul Thart 6.35 Nuacht 7.00 The Mind 8.00 News 8.05 North and South 9.50 Da Capo 10.06 Zel 10.15 Film: Prizzi's Honour (Jack Nicholson, Kathleen Turner) 12.25am Close

RADIO 3

6.35am Open University (FM only)
6.55 Weather; News Headlines
7.00 Morning Concert: Bernstein (Overture, Candide: Los Angeles PO); Ives (Songs My Mother Taught Me: Roberta Alexander, soprano, Tan Crone, piano); Gershwin (An American in Paris: NYPO)
7.30 News
7.35 Morning Concert (cont): Sousa (March, The Liberty Bell: Band of Royal Marines under G.A.C. Hoskins); Barber (Summer Music: Bergen Wind Quintet); Joplin, arr François Jeanneau (Magnetic Rag: Katia Labèque, piano, Marielle Labèque); Rodgers (Bewitched, Bothered and Bewildered: LSO under John McGlinn, with Frederica von Stade, mezzo); Copland (Ballet Suite, Appalachian Spring: LSO under the composer)
8.30 News
8.35 Wolfgang Manz: The pianist plays Beethoven (Andante in F, WoO 57, Andante favori; Polonaise in C, Op 89; Rondo a capriccio in G, Op 129); Schumann (Faschingsschwank aus Wien, Op 26); Brahms (Four Pieces, Op 119) (r)
9.30 Saturday Review, with Richard Osborne. Record Review — Building a Library. Alan Sanders and Stephen Johnson on Brahms's four symphonies; Paul Hale reviews organ music by English Baroque composers and Edward Barstow. 10.40 Record Release: Purcell (Voluntary for the Double Organ: Ton Koopman, organ); Rossini (La Cenerentola Act II, Finale: The Richard Hickox Singers; City of London Sinfonia under Hickox); John Travers (Voluntary: Jennifer Bates, organ); Honegger (Cello Concerto: LSO under Kent Nagano); Schumann (Quintet in E flat, Op 44; Kodály String Quartet). 11.54 Stephen Johnson talks to Klaus Heymann, the founder of the Marco Polo and Naxos labels. 12.20pm Ibert (Music for the film Macbeth: Slovak RSO, Bratislava, under Adriano)
12.55pm Words: A Very Few Words About Jargon: Professor John Durant with the second of two reflections on the public understanding of science (r)
1.00 News
1.05 Talich Quartet: Janáček (Quartet No 1, Kreutzer Sonata); Beethoven (Quartet in E flat, Op 74, Harp) (r)
2.10 BBC Scottish SO under Andras Ligeti, with Augustin Dumay, violin, performs Decsenyi (Symphony); Saint-Saëns (Violin Concerto No 3); Tchaikovsky (Symphony No 4)
4.00 Tuning Up, with Chris de Souza. Accompanied by Clare Toomer on the piano, the bass-baritone David Mattinson sings Schumann's Dichterliebe and samples of his current operatic work
5.00 Jazz Record Requests
5.45 Third Opinion, with Christopher Cook. Includes reviews of the Bristol Old Vic's production of *Long Day's Journey into Night*; and the *Arnolfini Gallery's exhibition of* the Irish painter Jack B. Yeats
6.30 Sylvius Leopold Weiss (Sonata in G: Nigel North, baroque lute) (r)
7.00 Peter Grimes: Live from the Grand Theatre in Geneva, the Grand Theatre Chorus and the Suisse Romande Orchestra under Bruno Bartoletti perform Benjamin Britten's opera. With *Jon Blinkhof, tenor, as Peter Grimes*

8.00 "Rather Odd Poets . . ."

● CHOICE: Here, in the *Peter Grimes* interval, is a classic illustration of the truth of the adage about little acorns and tall oaks. There probably would not have been a *Peter Grimes* if: (a) back in 1941, E.M. Forster had not given a talk about the east Anglian poet George Crabbe on the BBC's Overseas Service, (b) *The Listener* had not published the text of it and (c) Britten, then in the United States, had not bought a back copy of *The Listener* and digested Forster's thoughts on Crabbe's poem "The Borough" which, four years later, was to be reinterpreted as *Peter Grimes*. We hear Forster's historic radio talk tonight, introduced by Valentine Cunningham

8.30 Acts 2 and 3
10.10 Issues (r)
10.35 Walter Klien: The pianist plays Bach (Partita in C minor, BWV 826); Mozart (Sonata in A, K 331); Berg (Sonata, Op 1); Brahms (Fantasien, Op 116), incl 11.15 Interval Reading (r)
12.00 News 12.05am Close

RADIO 4

● FM: Most scheduled programmes will be suspended to give news of the Gulf war. The following schedule, on MW and LW, is subject to alteration:

5.55am Shipping Forecast 6.00 *News Briefing*; Weather 6.10 The Farming Week 6.50 Prayer for the Day 7.00 *Today*, incl 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News 7.55, 8.58 Weather
9.00 News
9.05 Sport on 4
9.30 *Breakaway*: Ken Bruce with holiday and travel news
10.00 News; Loose Ends, with Ned Sherrin and guests
11.00 News: The Week in Westminster, with Michael White, political editor of the *Guardian*
11.30 *From Our Own Correspondent*
12.00 Money Box, with Louise Botting and Vincent Duggleby
12.25pm Just a Minute: Nicholas Parsons hosts the non-stop talking show 12.55 Weather
1.00 News
1.10 Any Questions? Jonathan Dimbleby is joined in Lowestoft by John MacGregor, MP, Bea Campbell, Admiral Sir John Eberle and Pat Hewitt (r) 1.55 Shipping Forecast
2.00 News: Any Answers? 071-580 4411. Listeners can call Jonathan Dimbleby with their views on the issues raised in *Any Questions?*
2.30 Saturday Playhouse: Accomplices. John Harvey's drama is adapted from the novel by David Fletcher. John Graham Davies plays a local detective at a seaside town, investigating a mysterious drowning
3.45 Playback: The Navy Lark. The last of three programmes on radio shows of the past (r)
4.00 News: Going South: Robert Weddle retraces the 1,000 mile walk from Chartres to Assisi, which he first undertook 30 years ago in the company of fellow student Antony Halford (2 of 3) (r)
4.30 Science Now: Alun Lewis reports on the world's biggest science conference in Washington
5.00 God and Caesar: Mike Wooldridge talks to Sir Garfield Todd, the former prime minister of Southern Rhodesia, about the beliefs which have underpinned his political career (r)
5.25 Week Ending: Bill Wallis, Sally Grace and David Tate with a satirical review of the week's news (r) 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather
6.00 News: Sports Round-Up
6.25 Citizens: Omnibus edition
7.10 Stop the Week, with Robert Robinson
7.45 Classic Serial: The Forsyte Chronicles. Episode 22 of a 23-part dramatisation of John Galsworthy's saga, narrated by Dirk Bogarde
8.45 Kaleidoscope: Scribbling in the Dark. Paul Allen explores the world of the theatre critic
9.15 Music in Mind: Brian Kay with a selection of popular melodies
9.50 Ten to Ten, led by the Rev Keith Clements 9.59 Weather
10.00 News
10.15 Strange Stories: The Message in the Marble. In February 1741, the celebrated monument to William Shakespeare was erected in Westminster Abbey's Poets' Corner. The bard's immortal lines from *The Tempest*, carved in the marble, were not only rearranged but were also misquoted. Thomas Bokenham and Richard Barker decipher the mystery
10.45 The Poetry of Popular Song: Edward Heyman — Body and Soul. The third of four programmes in which Roy Dean considers the work of lesser-known American lyric writers
11.00 Richard Baker Compares Notes with Sir Colin Davis and Isaiah Jackson about their experiences as musical directors of the Royal Opera and Royal Ballet (r)
11.30 Girls Will Be Girls (new series): Comedy songs and sketches with Sioned William and Rebecca Front, otherwise known as the Bobo Girls
12.00-12.30am News, incl 12.20 Weather 12.33 Shipping Forecast

FREQUENCIES: Radio 1: 1053kHz/285m;1089kHz/275m;FM-97.6-99.8. Radio 2: FM-88-90.2. Radio 3: 1215kHz/ 247m, FM-90-92.4. Radio 4: 198kHz/1515m;FM-92.4-94.6. Radio 5: 693kHz/433m; 909kHz/330m. World Service: MW 648kHz/463m. Jazz FM 102.2. LBC: 1152kHz/261m; FM 97.3. Capital: 1548kHz/194m; FM 95.8. GLR: 1458kHz/206m; FM 94.9; Melody FM 104.9.

BBC 1

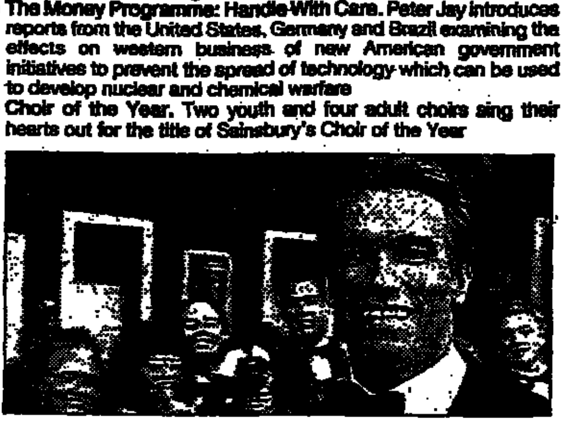
7.10 Open University: Education — Sign of the Times 7.35 Last of the Liberties
8.00 News 8.15 Open University: Maths — Population Modelling
8.40 Playdays. Children's programme (r)
9.00 News 9.15 Come Holy Spirit. Graham Young travels to Milton Keynes to discover how the Holy Spirit operates there.
10.00 France Actuelle. Films on modern France (r). Wales: (to 12.30) See You Sunday 10.25 Mexico Vivo. The first of five programmes on Mexican Spanish 10.50 Step Up To Wordpower. Adult literacy series (r). (Ceefax) 11.15 A Way with Numbers. A guide to practical maths
11.40 Bazaar. Series on household hints and money-saving ideas (r) 12.05 See Hear! For the deaf and hard of hearing
12.30 Country File. John Craven presents a report on the state of Britain's coastlines, which are suffering from erosion and pollution. Wales: Farming in Wales 12.55 Weather
1.00 News followed by On The Record. Martha Kearney reports on the new mood in Irish politics after Mary Robinson's victory in the last presidential election. Could Fianna Fail abandon its claim to the North?
2.00 EastEnders. Omnibus edition (r). (Ceefax)
3.00 Film: The Horse Soldiers (1959). John Ford's rousing civil war western with John Wayne as a Union cavalryman at odds with William Holden's pacifist doctor. Their debate is given spice by the appearance of a vivacious southern belle (Constance Towers). Look out for silent star Hoot Gibson and tennis champion Althea Gibson 4.55 Tom and Jerry(r)
5.05 The Clothes Show. The fashion programme looks at outfits for the second-time bride, plus choosing a register office.
5.30 Antiques Roadshow from Valetta, Malta. (Ceefax)
6.15 OK 2 Talk Feelings. A look at the emotional implications of losing a baby. (Ceefax)
6.25 News with Moira Stuart. Weather
6.40 Songs of Praise from St Mary's Church, Andover, linking civilians with army families from Salisbury Plain
7.15 Brush Strokes. Karl Howman as the likeable likely lad still looking for his perfect woman in a comedy series fast running out of steam. (Ceefax)
7.45 Lovejoy: Sugar and Spice. Stylish, tongue-in-cheek series featuring Ian McShane as the dodgy antiques dealer. Lovejoy is amazed when a teenage girl brings him erotic drawings to sell. But there is more to it than meets the eye, and it begins to look like a nasty case of blackmail. (Ceefax)
8.35 Butterflies. Carla Lane's *perceptive comedy with* Wendy Craig as the neglected housewife who dreams of a more romantic existence (r)
9.10 News with Martyn Lewis
9.35 That's Life! Consumer affairs investigated
10.15 Mastermind. This week's specialist subjects are Formula 1 motor racing since 1950, Frank Lloyd Wright, Richard Wagner and English Victorian architecture

At war on the home front: Penny Butterell and children (10.45pm)

10.45 Everyman: What Did You Do in the War Mum?
● CHOICE: Describing herself as middle-class, middle-aged and middle of the road in politics, Penny Butterell is not the conventional idea of an agitator. But as the conflict in the Gulf loomed, Butterell, a single parent with five children, decided to leave her family and Somerset home to join a peace camp on the Saudi-Iraq border. Her eldest son, called in to look after the other children in her absence, thinks she was irresponsible. Another son thinks she was a bit mad. Villagers are offended by a "stop the war" banner put up on the side of the house. An absorbing film includes scenes of daily life in the camp, where much of the time was apparently spent in earnest discussion, and fly-on-the-wall footage of the children back home. Butterell concedes that she could have been naive and irresponsible but adds that "maybe someone has to be". The debate about what she achieved will go on
11.30 World Council of Churches Report. Mike Wooldridge reports on the religious news from Canberra, Australia. Wales 11.55 Welsh Liberal democrat Conference
12.05am Mosaic. Programme looking at equal opportunities, or the lack of, in a multi-cultural society. Wales: 12.25 Squash 12.50 Mosaic
12.35 News and weather. Ends at 12.50. Wales: 1.20 News and weather

BBC 2

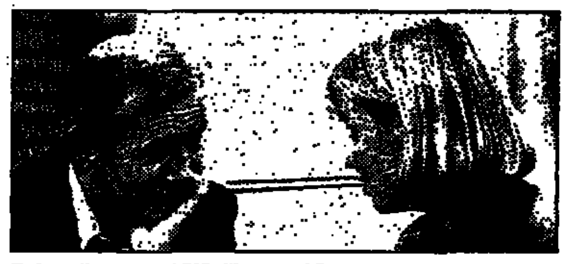
6.35 Open University
12.00 Regional Political Programmes. Wales: See Hear!; Northern Ireland: Situations Vacant
12.30 Scrutiny. Health secretary William Waldegrave denies in an interview that he is a semi-detached member of the cabinet; the governor of the Bank of England, Robin Leigh-Pemberton, is questioned on the Harrods bank enquiry; and there is a report on the investigation into Lord Young's role in the controversial Rover sell off
1.00 History: What Is Its Future? An Open University programme exploring how history should be taught in schools
1.25 What The Papers Say Awards 1990 (r)
2.05 Bowls and Indoor Hockey. From the Guild Hall, Preston, Dougie Donnelly introduces the singles final of the Midland Bank world indoor bowls championships. The commentating team is David Rhys Jones, Jimmy Davidson, John Bell, David McGill and Mal Hughes. At the Aston Villa Leisure Centre Barry Davies and Ian Taylor are the commentators for the final of the European nations indoor hockey cup
5.00 Rugby Special Scotland. Chris Rea introduces highlights of the Pilkington cup quarter-final between Wasps and Orrell. Wales: Pontypridd v Llanelli, Tondu v Ebbw Vale and Bridgend v Maesteg
6.00 The Clive James Interview. Clive James continues his series of interviews with personalities from the arts, entertainment, science and industry by talking to irreverent comedian Dave Allen
6.35 The Money Programme: Handle With Care. Peter Jay introduces reports from the United States, Germany and Brazil examining the effects on western business of new American government initiatives to prevent the spread of technology which can be used to develop nuclear and chemical warfare
7.15 Choir of the Year. Two youth and four adult choirs sing their hearts out for the title of Sainsbury's Choir of the Year



Self-propelled into stardom: Arnold Schwarzenegger (8.05pm)

8.05 Naked Hollywood: The Actor and the Star
● CHOICE: A series on "money, power and the movies" takes the pulse of Hollywood by devoting a programme each to stars, agents, writers, producers, studio heads and directors. Tonight's opener is about performers, with reference to two contrasting careers. Arnold Schwarzenegger is a questionable actor but a huge star. James Caan is an excellent actor whom stardom has eluded. Schwarzenegger deliberately set out to promote his career, doing the rounds of the media junkets and giving 100 interviews a day. Caan hated the Hollywood hype and tried to keep himself out of the newspapers. While Schwarzenegger is a millionaire, Caan went broke and made no films for five years. The more difficult question, which tends to be ducked, is why a man with little more to offer than bulging biceps and an Austrian accent should have so caught the popular mood
8.55 How are the Kids?: Oca. A short film by Lino Brocka tells the story of exploited children in the Western Philippines who dive without oxygen masks and carrying instruments emitting ultrasound to frighten fish into nets. Many of these children become deaf or die. Hundreds of children between the ages of seven and 15 live together for up to ten months at a time working in disgraceful conditions. (Postponed from December 26)
9.10 Screen Two: A Private Life (1989). A moving drama by Andrew Davies (*of A Very Peculiar Practice*) based on the true story of a South African couple, he white and she coloured, who fall in love but are forbidden to marry under the country's apartheid laws. There are splendid performances from Bill Flynn and Jana Cilliers and sensitive direction from Francis Gerard. (Ceefax)
10.40 Film: Twelve Angry Men (1957, b/w). Classic thriller set in a sweltering New York jury room where the 12 good men and true must decide the fate of a Puerto Rican boy charged with murder. The evidence is stacked against him and only one of the jurors (Henry Fonda) has any doubts. The process by which Fonda tries to talk the others round has been described by the director, Sidney Lumet, as romance rather than documentary, but convincing or not it is compelling drama. Lumet, in his first film, cleverly screws up the tension by making the room increasingly claustrophobic as the arguments proceed. A stalwart supporting cast includes Lee J. Cobb, Ed Begley and E. G. Marshall
12.15am Snub (*r*) 12.45 Rapido (*r*). Ends at 1.20

6.00 TV-am
7.30 Frost on Sunday with David Frost. The *national newspapers* are reviewed by Carol Thatcher and Anthony Howard
9.25 The Disney Club. With a celebrity hairdressing session, some incredible juggling and the début of budding rap star MC Inglis
10.45 Link: American Mental Patients' Movement. The second part of a discussion between Kevin Mulhern and Sally Zinman, a former mental hospital patient
11.00 Morning Worship from Eggborough power station in Selby
12.00 Encounter. A profile of Chiara Lubich, the leader of the Focolare Movement, which works for unity in the family, the workplace and throughout society
12.30 LWT News Weekend
1.00 ITN News with Carol Barnes. Weather
1.15 War In The Gulf presented by Brian Walden and Donald MacCormick
2.00 Snooker. The Pearl Assurance British open
2.30 The Match. Live coverage of the Rumbelows league cup semi-final, second leg match between Leeds United and Manchester United at Elland Road in which Leeds start 1-2 down. Plus highlights of the other semi-final, Chelsea and Sheffield Wednesday at Stamford Bridge
5.05 Snooker. Further coverage of the Pearl Assurance British open
6.00 Bullseye. Darts and general knowledge competition
6.30 News with Carol Barnes. Weather 6.35 LWT News and weather
6.40 Highway. Sir Harry Secombe visits Treorchy and meets the town's famous male voice choir

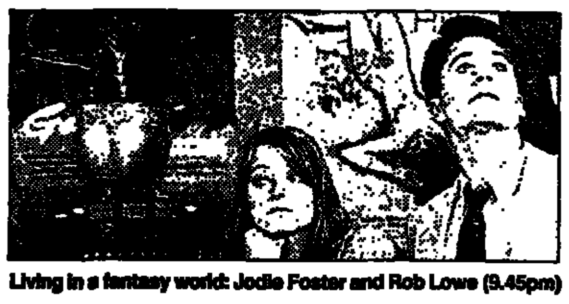


Baby talk: Richard O'Sullivan and Susan Penhaligon (7.15pm)

7.15 Trouble in Mind.
● CHOICE: It is amazing what gets into situation comedies these days, and at peak hours, too. Lord Rees-Mogg and his watchdogs should be alerted. *Trouble in Mind* is obsessed with babies, whether to have them, how to have them, how not to have them, the pill, the snip, the whole works. How the series can develop from here is anyone's guess. Meanwhile we are introduced to a middle-aged couple, played by Richard O'Sullivan and Susan Penhaligon. He is a quiet and terribly nice psychiatrist, who, like most of the cast of *Shrinks*, sounds more in need of help than most of his patients. She is hoping to start a new career as a garden designer. There is a daughter who thinks she is pregnant and a patient of dad who wants to be and hopes dad will oblige. No wonder she is on the couch. Having got his characters into this mess, the writer Colin Bostock-Smith must now get them out of it
7.45 Murder She Wrote: Big Show of 1965. Angela Lansbury stars as Jessica Fletcher, solving a murder of 25 years ago
8.40 News with Julia Somerville 8.55 LWT Weather
9.00 Agatha Christie's Poirot: The Theft of the Royal Ruby. David Suchet's moustachioed sleuth applies his little grey cells to a crime involving an Egyptian prince, a stolen ruby and an antiques dealer.
†10.00 Cool Head. Rubber-faced comedian Phil Cool offers another mixture of stand-up humour and impressions
†10.30 The South Bank Show: Steve Martin.
● CHOICE: A profile of the American comedian follows the usual *South Bank Show* format of clips, interviews and a friendly chat between the subject and Melvyn Bragg. Martin is apt to turn these occasions into comic performances but here he plays it straight, the wild and crazy guy doing his best to be serious about comedy. He has no theories to offer. He knows what he likes (Chaplin, Laurel and Hardy) but says his own work is intuitive: "I make it, I don't define it". His mum and dad reckon that performing was an antidote to natural shyness. We've heard that before. He could have become a philosophy lecturer but decided to be a stand-up comic. When others were using comedy to comment on the Vietnam war, Martin treated his audiences to apolitical nonsense. He is best known now for his films and is a writer as well as an actor. His latest picture gets the obligatory plug
†11.30 Snooker. Highlights from the Pearl Assurance British open.
†12.30am The ITV Chart Show (r)
1.30 New Music. Magazine programme for rock fans
2.30 Indy Car Racing. US motor sport action
3.30 Pick of the Week. This week's regional television highlights
4.00 Special Squad. Action with the Australian undercover cops
5.00 Wanted: Dead or Alive (b/w) starring Steve McQueen
5.30 ITN Morning News. Ends at 6.00

CHANNEL 4

6.00 Trans World Sport (*r*) 7.00 The Complete Skier
7.30 Dr Snuggles 8.00 The Bluffers 8.30 Bobobobs 9.00 Early Bird. Children's magazine series
9.25 Sangeet Anjali. Series focusing on Bengali classical, folk and popular music
10.00 A Week In Politics — Second Reading Includes a report on the first week of campaigning in the Ribble Valley by-election
10.45 Dennis. Cartoon adventure about the mischievous young Dennis 11.00 Boom! Naturalist Jane Pardoe talks to gardener Jack Boyes about how to plan a wildlife pond (r) 11.30 Star Test Tony Slattery faces some tough and probing questions
12.00 The Waltons 1.00 Voyage to the Bottom of the Sea (b/w) Cult series about The Seaview and its dangerous underwater missions
2.00 Film: Mildred Pierce (1945, b/w). Joan Crawford in her Oscar-winning performance as a self-sacrificing mother in this magnificent Forties soap opera. Mildred is a woman who progresses from waitress to the owner of a restaurant chain and sacrifices everything on behalf one of the most ungrateful and selfish daughters of all time. Although Crawford steals the show, Ann Blyth (also Oscar nominated), Jack Carson and Zachary Scott provide excellent support and the moody photography helps make this a melodrama out of the top drawer. Based on a novel by James M. Cain, of *The Postman Always Rings Twice*, and directed by Michael (*Casablanca*) Curtiz
4.05 The Specialist (1966, b/w). Comedy short starring Bernard Miles as the country carpenter whose speciality is building outdoor lavatories. Directed by James Hill
4.30 Citizen 2000: Alexander and the Dragon. The latest report from the project following 20 British children of various social economic and ethnic backgrounds until they reach 18 years old This programme follows eight-year-old Alexander as he leaves his Scottish home to become a boarder at the Dragon School in Oxford. (Teletext)
5.00 Scottish Eye. A report whether there has been enough informed debate about the increased frequency of military training exercises in Scotland by British and Nato forces
5.30 *Kersplat! Continuing the off-beat look at the world of comics* Judy Pascoe and Kerry Shale take a look at the alternative comic subculture which thrived in the Sixties in America
5.45 Grim Tales. Rik Mayall narrates the tale of *King Thrushbeard*
6.00 Press Gang. The trials and tribulations of a group of young people running their own newspaper (*r*). (Teletext)
6.30 The Wonder Years. Emmy award-winning comedy about what it was like to be an adolescent in Sixties America
7.00 Channel Four News and weather
8.00 Orchestra! Dudley Moore and Sir Georg Solti continue their entertaining introduction to the orchestra by considering the role of the conductor. Sir Georg provides his co-presenter with a crash masterclass on how to conduct
8.30 The New Age. Kay Avila examines various facets of New Age thinking and turns her attentions to the re-emergence of the more sacred and mystical view of our planet
9.00 The Media Show. The arts and media programme considers the new clutch of films from Hollywood presenting new, more sympathetic, images of American Indians and their culture The programme traces the origins of this new found interest in native Americans and asks whether or not it represents a significant step forward. There is an interview with Kevin Costner star and director of the Oscar-nominated film *Dances with Wolves*, and a look at the reaction of American Indian communities to the new representations



Living in a fantasy world: Jodie Foster and Rob Lowe (9.45pm)

9.45 Film: The Hotel New Hampshire (1984) Rob Lowe, Jodie Foster and Paul McCrane star in the film adaptation of John Irving's black tale about an eccentric schoolmaster and his family who are obsessed with the fantasy of living in a hotel Among the characters are a lesbian in a bear suit, a girl who falls for her rapist and a blind man named Freud. Directed by Tony Richardson
11.50 Hello, Do You Hear Us? Final programme in Latvian director Yuris Podnieks's series looking at Soviet life Podnieks returns to the Baltic states and Armenia's conflict with the Azeris and asks how much of a threat they pose to the forces of perestroika (r)
12.50am Satiemania/The Blacksmith's Apprentice. Two animations from the Zagreb Studio. Ends at 1.15

TV VARIATIONS

ANGLIA

As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Farming Diary 12.30am The New Avengers 1.30 Soap 2.00 CinemAttractions 2.30 International Indoor Speedway 3.30 Transmission 4.30-5.30 The Silk Road

BORDER

As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Gardening Time 12.30am Quiz Night 1.00 I Spy 2.00 Stand Up 2.30 Film: The Spanish Gardener 4.15 The ITV Chart Show 5.05-5.30 Jobfinder

CENTRAL

As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Gardening Time 12.30am Prisoner: Cell Block H 1.25 Santa Barbara 2.20 Comics — The Ninth Art 2.55 The ITV Chart Show 3.55 Profile 4.05-5.30 Central Jobfinder '91

CHANNEL

As London except: 12.25pm Les Français Chez-Vous 12.50-1.00 Tele-Jornal 12.30am The Human Factor 1.00 The New Avengers 2.00 The ITV Chart Show 3.00 Books By My Bedside 3.30 Pick of the Week 4.00 The Hitman and Her 5.00-5.30 A Taste of the South

GRAMPIAN

As London except: 10.45am Pick a Number 11.15 Link 11.30-12.00 Sunday Service 12.30pm-1.00 Jack Thompson Down Under 3.00 Viv on Sunday 4.00-5.05 Scotsport 12.30am Quiz Night 1.00 I Spy 2.00 Stand Up 2.30 Film: The Spanish Gardener 4.20 The ITV Chart Show 5.10-5.30 Jobfinder

GRANADA

As London except: 12.30pm Granada This Week 5.35-6.30 Coronation Street 12.30am Quiz Night 1.00 I Spy 2.00 Stand Up 2.30 Film: The Spanish Gardener 4.15 The ITV Chart Show 5.05-5.30 Jobfinder

HTV WEST

As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 West Country Farming 2.00-2.30 HTV Newsweek 12.35am Prisoner: Cell Block H 2.35 Festivals of the World 3.30 The Hit Man and Her 4.30 Cover Story: Ray Charles 4.55-5.30 Jobfinder

HTV WALES

As HTV West except: 12.30pm-12.55 Jimmy's 2.00-2.30 West Country Farming

TSW

As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Farming News 6.00-6.30 The Piglet Files 12.30am Quiz Night 1.00 I Spy 2.00 Stand Up 2.30 Film: The Spanish Gardener 4.20 The ITV Chart Show 5.10-5.30 TSW Jobfinder

TVS

As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 TVS News followed by Agenda 12.30am The Human Factor 1.00 The New Avengers 2.00 The ITV Chart Show 3.00 Books By My Bedside 3.30 Pick of the Week 4.00 The Hit Man and Her 5.00-5.30 A Taste of the South

TYNE TEES

As London except: 12.25pm-1.00 The Back Page 5.05* Northern Life Review 5.35-6.30 Coronation Street 12.30am Quiz Night 1.00 I Spy 2.00 Stand Up 2.30 Film: The Spanish Gardener 4.20 The ITV Chart Show 5.10-5.30 Jobfinder

ULSTER

As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Gardening Time 5.35-6.30 Coronation Street 12.30am Quiz Night 1.00 I Spy 2.00 Stand Up 2.30 Film: The Spanish Gardener 4.20 The ITV Chart Show 5.10-5.30 Jobfinder

YORKSHIRE

As London except: 12.25pm Goals on Sunday 12.50-1.00 Calendar News 12.30am Hooperman 1.05 Pick of the Week 1.35 Invisible Man 2.05 The ITV Chart Show 3.05 The Look in the Mirror 4.00 Some Call it Jazz 4.30-5.30 Jobfinder

S4C

Starts: 6.00am Early Morning 9.25 The Adventures of TinTin 9.30 Boom! 10.00 A Week in Politics 10.45 Voyage to the Bottom of the Sea 11.45 Kersplat! 12.00 The Waltons 12.55 Acen 1.20 O Bedwar Ban 1.30 Bwrw Mlaen 2.00 Icewalk 3.00 Cutting Edge 4.00 Film: 100 Men and a Girl" 5.35 Sinfonietta 6.35 Grim Tales 6.50 San Steffan 7.00 Newyddion 7.15 Hapus Dyrfa 7.45 Hel Straeon 8.15 Dechrau Canu, Dechrau Canmol 8.45 Mwy Na Phapur Newydd 9.30 Ffilm: 10.05 Small Stages 11.35 The Media Show 12.20 Samsara 12.50 Yugoslav Animation 1.15 Diwedd

RTE 1

Starts: 10.25am Topics in the History of Mathematics 10.50 Discovering Portuguese 11.15 Service 12.00 France Actuelle 12.25 Russian Language and People 12.50 Marketplace 1.20 Little House on the Prairie 2.10 News followed by Booklines 2.45 Sign of the Times 3.15 Stan Laurel 3.30 Film: The Black Tulip 5.30 Exploring the Celtic Lands 6.00 Angelus 6.01 Six One Sunday 6.30 Scaoil Amach An Bobailín. 7.00 The Cosby Show 7.30 School Around the Corner 8.00 Where in the World 8.30 Glenroe 9.00 News 9.20 Sandy 10.15 Ashes to Ashes 10.45 Stay Lucky 11.40 News 11.45 Close.

NETWORK 2

Starts: 9.40am Sesame Street 10.40 The Chiffy Kids 11.00 Ulysses 11.30 The Beatbox 1.30 Head to Toe 2.00 I Orphans of the Wild 2.30 Festival 4.50 Masterworks 5.05 Mozart Gala 6.00 Flight into Hell 6.55 Nuacht 7.00 Fair City 7.55 News 8.00 Dennis O'Neill 9.00 Blue Grass 10.40 Sports Special 11.30 Close.

SATELLITE

SKY ONE

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites. 6.00am Bailey's Bird 6.30 Barrier Reef 7.00 Fun Factory 11.00 Eight is Enough 12.00 That's Incredible 1.00pm Wonder Woman 2.00 WWF Superstars of Wrestling 3.00 The Man from Atlantis 4.00 The Love Boat 5.00 Small Wonder 5.30 Sky Star Search 6.30 The Simpsons 7.00 21 Jump Street 8.00 Nutcracker: The first of a three-part mini-series 10.00 Falcon Crest 11.00 Entertainment Tonight 12.00 Pages from Skytext

SKY NEWS

● Via the Astra satellite.
News on the hour.
6.00am Sunrise 9.00 Sky News Dayline 9.30 Those Were the Days 11.30 Target 1.30pm The Reporters 2.30 Target 4.30 Those Were the Days 5.00 Live at Five 6.30 The Reporters 8.30 Target 10.30 The Reporters 11.30 ABC News 12.30am CBS News 1.30 NBC News 3.30 CBS News 4.30 Those Were the Days

SKY NEWS

● Via the Marcopolo satellite.
News on the hour.
6.00am Sunrise 9.00 Sky News Dayline 9.30 Those Were the Days 11.30 Target 1.30pm The Reporters 2.00 Bach: The Dolmetsch Years 4.30 Documentary: Margot Fonteyn 7.30 Opera: Puccini's Madam Butterfly 10.30 Concert: Britten's War Requiem 12.30am Our World 1.30 NBC News 2.30 ABC News 3.30 CBS News 4.30 Those Were the Days

SKY MOVIES

● Via the Astra satellite.
6.00am Showcase
8.00 Hero at Large (1980): An actor dresses up as "Captain Avenger" and becomes involved with two conniving politicians
10.00 Her Alibi (1989): A beautiful Romanian woman (Paulina Porizkova) provides the storyline for Tom Selleck's latest mystery novel
11.55 The Tall Men (1955): Clark Gable and Cameron Mitchell pit their wits against blizzards, Indians and, when it comes to Jane Russell, one another
2.00pm Circle of Violence (1985): Tuesday Weld and Geraldine Fitzgerald star in a powerful and disturbing tale of parent abuse
4.00 Disorderlies (1987): Three hospital orderlies are hired by a scheming nephew whose uncle is close to death
6.00 Crossing Delancey (1988): Amy Irving plays a thirtysomething Jewish woman looking for Mr Right
7.40 Projector
8.00 Dirty Rotten Scoundrels (1988): Two conmen (Michael Caine, Steve Martin) work the beaches of the French Riviera
10.00 Red Heat (1988): Comedy in which a Soviet and an American cop (Arnold Schwarzenegger, James Belushi) team up to catch a Russian drug dealer
11.40 Capone Behind Bars (1989): An account of gangster Al Capone's imprisonment on Alcatraz. Starring Ray Sharkey
1.15am Out of the Body (1988): A university lecturer has visions of murders as they are being committed
2.45 *Out of Season* (1975): A man returns to an English seaside town to find that his former lover now has a 20-year-old daughter. Starring Vanessa Redgrave and Susan George
4.15 Strange Voices (1988): A teenager develops schizophrenia. Starring Valerie Harper and Nancy McKeon. Ends at 6.50

EUROSPORT

● Via the Astra satellite.
6.00am Hour of Power 7.00 Fun Factory 9.00 Trans World Sport 10.00 Sunday Alive: Superbouts, Stuttgart Classic Tennis, Biathlon World Championships; Ski Flying; Stuttgart Classic Tennis, Indoor Athletics 5.30pm International Motorsport 6.30 Indoor Athletics 7.30 Biathlon World Championships 8.30 The Game of Billions 9.30 Big Wheels 10.00 Freestyle Skiing 10.30 Stuttgart Classic Tennis

SCREENSPORT

● Via the Astra satellite.
8.00am Hippodrome French Racing 8.30 Volleyball Euro Champs 9.30 Moto News 10.00 Ice Hockey NHL 1991 12.00 Stop-USWA Wrestling 1.00pm Powersports 2.00 Pro Box 4.00 International Ice Hockey Sweden 6.00 Update 6.15 Go 9.15 Ten Pin Bowling 9.30 Weekend Live: NBA Basketball 11.00 Wide World of Sport 12.00 Busch Clash Sprint Race 12.30am Sport en France

MTV

● Via the Astra satellite.
Twenty-four hours of rock and pop

LIFESTYLE

● Via the Astra satellite.
12.00 Johnny Ringo 12.30pm The Bill Dana Show 1.00 The Joan Rivers Show 1.50 He Shoots! He Scores! 2.45 Spain Spain International Cuisine 3.00 World Class Championship Wrestling 4.00 Rocky Jones 4.25 Afternoon Cinema: Life with Father 6.00 The Sell-a-Vision Shopping Channel 8.00 Close 10.00 The Sell-a-Vision Shopping Channel 12.00 Lifestyle Satellite Jukebox

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

● Via the Marcopolo satellite.
12.00 8½ (1963, b/w): Marcello Mastroianni and Claudia Cardinale star in Federico Fellini's classic about the complicated love life of a famous director
2.20pm The Naked City (1943, b/w): Two New York detectives are assigned to investigate the murder of a young woman
4.00 The Bradys: *Big Kids, Big Problems*: Comedy with the Brady bunch
6.00 Bigfoot and the Hendersons (1987): Chaos ensues when the American answer to the abominable snowman befriends John Lithgow, Melinda Dillon and family
8.00 Moon over Parador (1988): Spritely comedy about an American actor who is forced to impersonate a deceased dictator in a fictitious Latin American country
10.00 Stand by Me (1986) Coming-of-age drama. Starring River Phoenix and Kiefer Sutherland
11.30 Biloxi Blues (1988) Another instalment in Neil Simon's autobiographical series of films. Starring Matthew Broderick
1.20am Masquerade (1988) Love and deceit combine to create a catalyst for murder. Starring Rob Lowe and Meg Tilly Ends at 3.00

THE SPORTS CHANNEL

● Via the Marcopolo satellite
10.30am Scottish Football Magazine 11.30 Matchroom League Snooker 1.30pm Live Italian Football 4.00 Boxing 5.15 Supercross 6.15 Live British Rugby League 8.15 Scottish Football 10.15 Fishing the West 10.45 GW Talks To . Frank Dick

THE POWER STATION

● Via the Marcopolo satellite.
8.00am Twenty hours of rock and pop

RADIO 3

6.35-6.55am Open University (FM only)
6.55 Weather
7.00 Morning Concert: Suppé (Overture, Light Cavalry: Philharmonia); Mahler (Wo die schönen Trompeten blasen: Royal Concertgebouw Orchestra); Johann Strauss, son (Waltz, Artist's Life: Vienna PO)
7.30 News
7.35 Morning Concert (cont): Schubert (Symphony No 3 in D: RPO); Wolf (Italian Serenade: Paris Orchestra); Brahms (Die Mainacht: Anne Sofie von Otter, mezzo, Bengt Forsberg, piano); Beethoven (Overture, Leonora No 3: Dresden State Orchestra)
8.30 News
8.35 Music from the Dresden Court: Fourth of six programmes. W.F. Bach (Sinfonia in D: Concerto Cologne); Weiss (Largo and Fugue in D minor: Nigel North, lute); Lotti (La vita caduca: Consort of Musicke); Zelenka (Lamentations of Jeremiah, Sixth Setting: Schola Cantorum Basiliensis)
9.15 Isaac Stern and Friends: Fourth of six programmes. Brahms (Piano Quartet in C minor, Op 60: Isaac Stern, violin, Jaime Laredo, viola, Yo-Yo Ma, cello, Emanuel Ax, piano); Prokofiev (Violin Concerto No 1 in D: Isaac Stern; NYPO)
10.15 Music Weekly
11.00 From the Proms 1990: BBC PO under Edward Downes performs Bach, orch Elgar (Fantasy and Fugue in C minor); Wagner (Wesendoncklieder); Elgar (Symphony No 2), incl 11.30 Interval Reading
12.35pm Replay, with Philip French. In a broadcast from 1954, Max Beerbohm talks about W.B. Yeats 1.00 News
1.05 Your Concert Choice: Elgar (Overture, In the South: LPO under Solti); Bach (Prelude and Fugue in D, BWV 874: Andras Schiff, piano); Dittersdorf (String Quartet No 3 in G: Franz Schubert Quartet); Copland (Three Old American Songs: Peter Pears, tenor, Benjamin Britten, piano); Falla (Nights in the Gardens of Spain: LPO)
2.30 Winterreise: Robert Holl, bass, Andras Schiff, piano, perform Schubert's cycle of 24 songs, to poems by Wilhelm Müller
3.55 Ulster Orchestra under John Lubbock performs Novák (Slovak Suite); Janáček (Moravian Dances); Martinů (Sinfonietta, La Jolla) (r)
5.00 Soundings: Michael Oliver explores the world of Charles Garnier's Paris Opera
6.00 Sacred Music from Russia: A meditation led by Fr Sergei Hackel, with the choir of the Institute of the Arts, Voronezh
7.10 Grand Concertos: Academy of St-Martin-in-the-Fields under Iona Brown performs Geminiani (Concerto grosso in B flat, Op 7 No 6)
7.30 Sunday Play: Kafka's Dick
● CHOICE: Naturally enough, the insurance salesman (Richard Griffiths) into whose north of England home the dead Kafka (Nigel Anthony), his dead father (Peter Woodthorpe) and his deceased biographer (Michael Cochrane) all turn up in Alan Bennett's fantastic comedy, interprets the experience as a breakthrough in Kafka studies. And given the fact that Kafka created a man who metamorphosed into an insect, there is a curious kind of logic in Bennett's Kafka metamorphosing out of a pet tortoise. This BBC World Service production of Bennett's outrageous play enlists the marvellous Alison Steadman from the original Royal Court cast (r)
9.00 Brahms and Schoenberg: BBC SO under Lionel Friend performs Brahms (Serenade No 1); Schoenberg (Chamber Symphony No 1 — orchestral version)
10.15 My Good Fairy: Christopher Hope's short story about Nicodemus, a strange little man who lives in a South African town
10.35 York Early Music Festival: François Couperin (Sonata, La Sultane); Louis Couperin (Three Symphonies for violin and two basses de viole; Suite in C for harpsichord); François Couperin (Sonata, La Françoise). 11.10 A reading from a letter written by Tobias Smollett, an 18th century traveller, describing Parisian life. 11.15 François Couperin (Concert No 13 for two bass viols); Armand-Louis Couperin (Sonata, Op 3 No 3); François Couperin (Concert Royal No 3 in A) 12.00-12.05am News

RADIO 4

● FM: Most scheduled programmes will be suspended to give news of the Gulf war. The following schedule, on MW and LW, is subject to alteration:

5.55am Shipping Forecast 6.00 News Briefing; Weather 6.10 Prelude 6.30 News; Morning Has Broken 6.55 Weather 7.00 News 7.10 Sunday Papers 7.15 On Your Farm: George Macpherson breakfasts with Barry Salmon in Stowmarket, Suffolk 7.40 Sunday, incl 7.55 Weather
8.00 News 8.10 Sunday Papers 8.50 The Duchess of York, who is president of the Anastasia Trust for the Deaf, talks to Rosie Barnes, MP 8.55 Weather
9.00 News 9.10 Sunday Papers
9.15 Letter from America by Alistair Cooke (r)
9.30 Morning Service from Kensington Temple, Notting Hill, London
10.15 The Archers: Omnibus edition
11.15 News Stand: Peter Fiddick reviews the periodicals
11.30 Pick of the Week (r)
12.15pm Desert Island Discs: Sue Lawley's castaway is Richard Eyre, the theatre and television director 12.55 Weather
1.00 The World This Weekend 1.55 Shipping Forecast
2.00 Gardeners' Question Time: Members of the Rutland Horticultural Society in Oakham, Leicestershire, put their queries to the panel
2.30 Talking Heads: A Lady of Letters. Patricia Routledge performs the third of six monologues by Alan Bennett
3.00 Listening in to History: Ruth Ive, a telephonist in the second world war, reveals a wartime secret to June Knox-Mawer (r)
3.30 The Radio Programme
4.00 News; Analysis (r)
4.47 Time for Verse: Carol Ann Duffy talks to the poet Roger McGough at the South Bank Polytechnic
5.00 News; Down Your Way: Former Arsenal goalkeeper Bob Wilson returns to his native Chesterfield
5.40 Beaten Tracks: Roger Worsley explores the last of four ancient highways (r) 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather
6.00 News
6.15 Feedback, with Chris Dunkley (r)
6.30 Sweet Nantyglo: John Darran narrates the story of the four elderly bachelor brothers who act as guardians to their 17th century fortified farm in the Welsh valleys
7.00 A Greener Harvest: Colin Tudge investigates the real benefits of organic farming
7.30 Bookshelf, with Nigel Forde (r)
8.00 The Radio 4 Debates: The Class Debate. The motion discussed at the London School of Economics, is: "Britain is rapidly becoming a classless society"
9.00 Enquire Within, with Dilly Barlow (r)
9.15 The Natural History Programme (r) 9.59 Weather
10.00 News
10.15 Cold Meat and Salad Days
● CHOICE: Horsforth Grove Amateur Operatic Society in Yorkshire is at the other end of the spectrum from London's West End, but at times, the distance between them shrinks to insignificance, as reporter Peter Hawkins's trip up north reveals. When not playing safe with *Salad Days* or *The King and I*, Horsforth Grove chances its arms with world premieres such as David Heneker's *Melba* or the Vince Hill/Alan Plater/John Worth joint effort, *Zodiac*. London theatreland regularly sends its sniffer dogs up to Horsforth, and one of these days, the scent of success will knock the society cold (r)
11.00 In Committee: Patrick Bartlett examines the work of parliament's select committees
11.30 Seeds of Faith: Shiprah and Puah. The composer Frances Grier reflects on the second of seven stories of women in the Bible
12.00-12.30am News, incl 12.20 Weather 12.33 Shipping Forecast

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RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW. 5.00am Jenny Costello 7.00 The Bruno and Liz Breakfast Show 9.30 Dave Lee Travis 12.30pm Pick of the Pops: The Top 20 charts of 1959, 1968 and 1976 2.30 Phillip Schofield 4.30 The Complete UK Top 40 7.00 Anne Nightingale's *Request Show* 9.00 Andy Kershaw 11.00-2.00am John Peel

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. 4.00am David Allan 6.00 Graham Knight 7.00 Don Maclean says Good Morning Sunday 9.05 Richard Baker with Melodies for You 11.00 Desmond Carrington: Radio 2 All-Time Greats 2.00pm Benny Green 3.00 Alan Dell with Sounds Easy 4.00 Palm Court Time 4.30 Sing Something Simple 5.00 Charlie Chester: Sunday Soapbox 7.00 John Lawrenson 8.00 London Winds 8.30 Sunday Half Hour 9.00 Alan Keith with Your Hundred Best Tunes 10.00 The Radio 2 Arts Programme: Confessions of a Shellac Addict 12.05am Lady Barbirolli presents Your Hundred Best Tunes (r) 1.00-4.00am Andrew Lane with Night Ride

RADIO 5

6.00am World Service: Newsdesk 6.30 Meridian Reports 7.00 News and 24 Hours 7.30 Sunday Edition, incl 7.30 News 8.00 News; Sport 8.30 News 9.00 Sport 9.02 The Family Business, incl 10.00 Sport 10.30 Education Matters 11.00 A Century Remembered (r) 11.30 The Price of Greens (r) 12.00 Sport 12.02pm Open University: Open Forum 12.22 Nordic Adult Education 1.00 Sport 1.03 Understanding Education Policy 1.22 Patterns of Consumption 1.41 Shakespeare's History Plays 2.00 Sport 2.03 As Radio 2 3.00 Sunday Sport Extra. Football — Rumbelows Cup, second leg, first semi-final 5.00 Sport 5.02 As Radio 4 6.00 Sport 6.10 Bob Hatton Rattle 6.40 Euromix 7.20 Open University: Culture and Belief in Europe 1450-1600 7.40 Child Abuse and the Law 8.00 Mathematics Miscellany 8.20 The Remaking of Europe 8.40 The Enlightenment 9.00 Nightbeat 9.30 Across the Line, incl 10.00 Sport 11.00 Sport 11.05 World Service: World Report 11.20 Modern Sherlock Holmes (Part 2) 11.50 They Made Our World 12.00-12.05am Sport

WORLD SERVICE

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Allied battle plan for breaching Iraq's Maginot line

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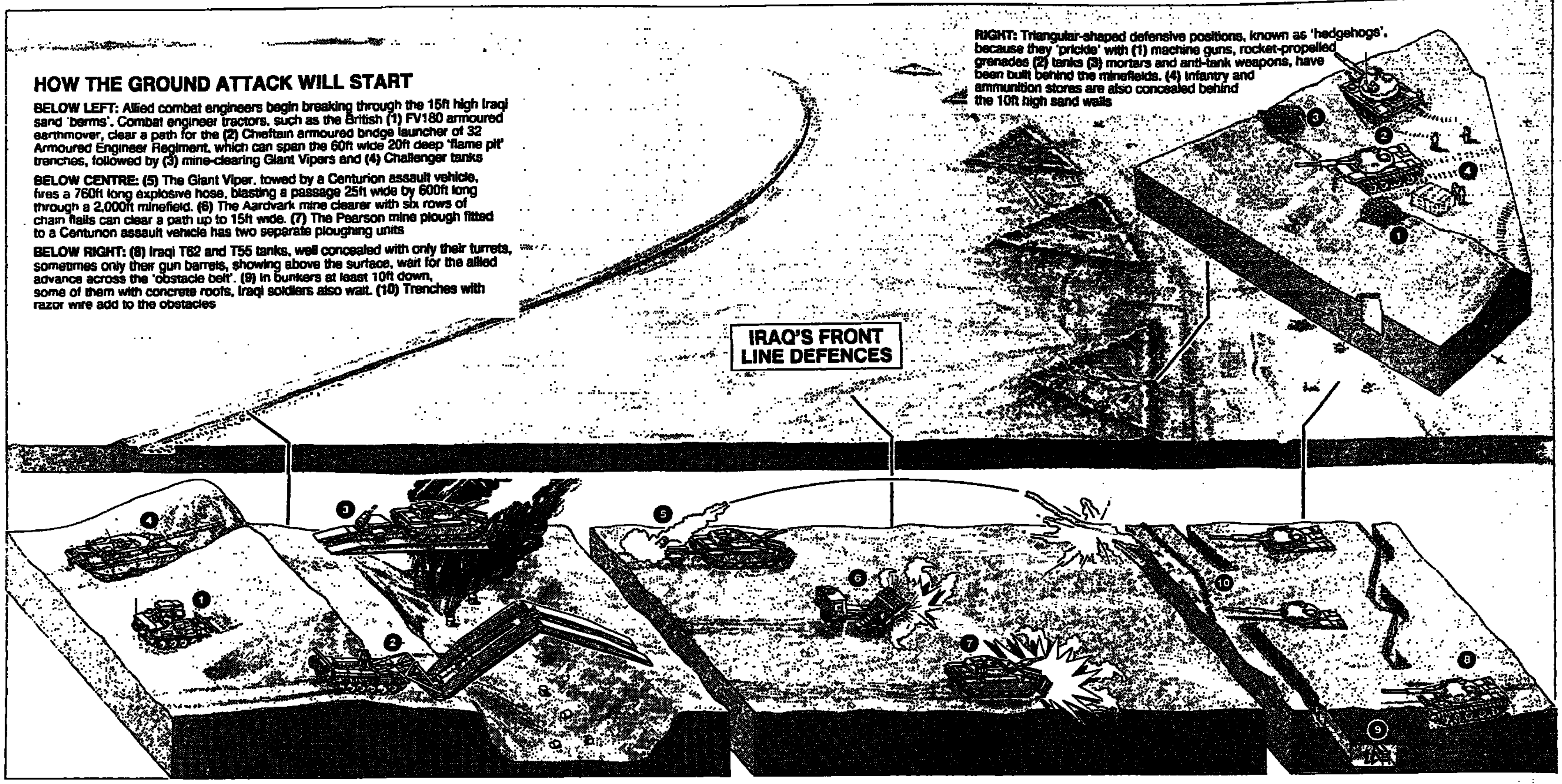


HOW THE GROUND ATTACK WILL START

BELOW LEFT: Allied combat engineers begin breaking through the 15ft high Iraqi sand 'berms'. Combat engineer tractors, such as the British (1) FV180 armoured earthmover, clear a path for the (2) Chieftain armoured bridge launcher of 32 Armoured Engineer Regiment, which can span the 60ft wide 20ft deep 'flame pit' trenches, followed by (3) mine-clearing Giant Vipers and (4) Challenger tanks

BELOW CENTRE: (5) The Giant Viper, towed by a Centurion assault vehicle, fires a 760ft long explosive hose, blasting a passage 25ft wide by 600ft long through a 2,000ft minefield. (6) The Aardvark mine clearer with six rows of chain flails can clear a path up to 15ft wide. (7) The Pearson mine plough fitted to a Centurion assault vehicle has two separate ploughing units

BELOW RIGHT: (8) Iraqi T62 and T55 tanks, well concealed with only their turrets, sometimes only their gun barrels, showing above the surface, wait for the allied advance across the 'obstacle belt'. (9) In bunkers at least 10ft down, some of them with concrete roofs, Iraqi soldiers also wait. (10) Trenches with razor wire add to the obstacles

RIGHT: Triangular-shaped defensive positions, known as 'hedgehogs', because they 'prickle' with (1) machine guns, rocket-propelled grenades (2) tanks (3) mortars and anti-tank weapons, have been built behind the minefields. (4) Infantry and ammunition stores are also concealed behind the 10ft high sand walls

Speed the key to victory

By MICHAEL EVANS
DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

BREACHING the Iraqi Maginot line across southern Kuwait, with its layers of sand berms, oil-filled trenches, minefields, razor-wire and dug-in tank and artillery positions, presents the allies with one of their most dangerous challenges. A rapid surge through the obstacles is vital.

The Iraqis spent five months building the 15ft berms, laying the minefields and digging down beneath the sand in preparation for a defensive battle. However, after weeks of 24-hour-a-day bombing, the Maginot line began to lose its appearance of impenetrability. B52s and giant transport aircraft dropping large fuel-air explosive bombs began to carve swathes through the minefields and to destroy bunkers, berms and "hedgehogs", triangular structures "prickling" with tanks, machinegun posts, rocket-propelled grenades and anti-tank weapons.

Allied commanders know they have to break through the mines and other obstacles quickly, to avoid becoming easy targets for Iraq's huge artillery arsenal. "We have to keep going forward," Lieutenant-Colonel Dana Robertson, commanding the 3rd US Armoured Division's engineering battalion, said recently. "We want to be through the minefield before the Iraqis can react."

The greatest fear is that the ground attack could become bogged down as the combat engineers attempt to cut a safe path through the minefields.

Instead of thrusting whole divisions across the 120 miles of Saudi border into Kuwait, the ground war will involve attacks at many different points, probably including an amphibious landing in north-eastern Kuwait and an armoured flanking manoeuvre into southern Iraq west of Kuwait to encircle the Iraqi forces.

To achieve tactical surprise, assaults by smaller allied units will be launched at certain sections of the Iraqi defences. But they will be mere distractions or diversions. The mass of allied armour will gather for a big attack elsewhere.

The expected flanking movement to the west, involving Britain's 1st Armoured Division and the 7th US Corps attacking the Iraqis from the rear, will also be dangerous because an extended supply line will be required.

Co-ordination will be the key to allied success. US troops from the "All American" 82nd Airborne Division and the "Screaming Eagles" 101st Airborne Division are both expected to be dropped behind Iraqi lines.

New hearing on Birmingham Six

By CRAIG SETON

THE appeal of the Birmingham Six is to return to court for a further preliminary hearing on Monday, raising expectations that a new development is to be announced by the Director of Public Prosecutions on the credibility of police officers involved in the case.

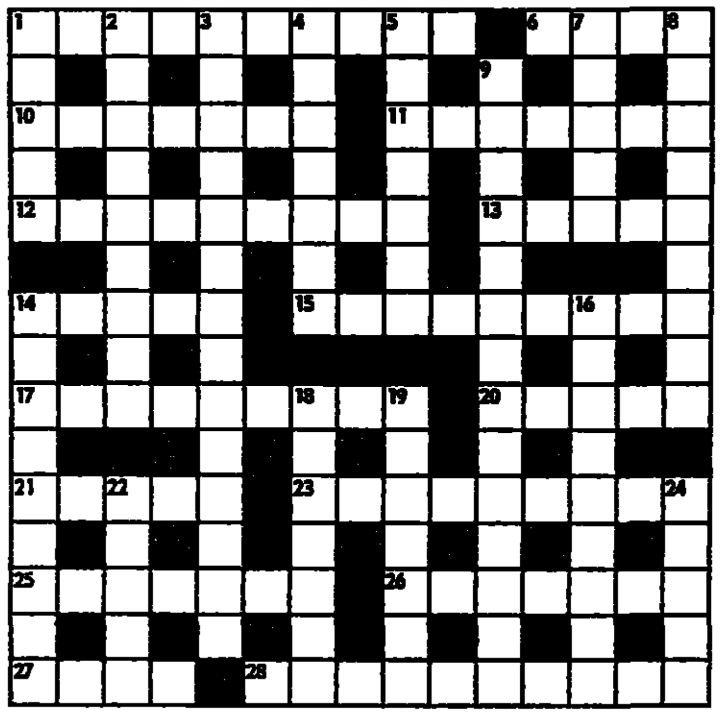
The full hearing of the men's appeal has been set for March 4, but in the Court of Appeal earlier this week, Graham Boal, counsel for the DPP, indicated that a further preliminary hearing would not be necessary if it was intended to rely on police evidence.

Solicitors for the six men convicted of the Birmingham pub bombings in 1974 have been informed about Monday, but declined to elaborate on the reasons for the further session being called.

The Court of Appeal heard this week that John Evans, chief constable of Devon and Cornwall, who is leading a new enquiry into the case, flew to Australia last week and conducted a 10-hour interview with retired Detective Superintendent George Reade, who headed the West Midlands police enquiry into the pub bombings.

If it is announced on Monday that the Crown will no longer reply on police evidence, it will be argued on behalf of the Six that the case against them is no longer sustainable.

THE TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO 18,537



ACROSS

1 Self-taught chap used to work on car (10).
6 Pack in point-to-point (4).
10 True bit disguised in fulsome praise (7).
11 Do well to get round this magician (7).
12 One enlisting again has turned in (9).
13 Hole in the ground (5).
14 Club fail to declare (5).
15 Fast-food outlet? (6-3).
17 Organise strike that'll achieve aim unerringly (6,3).
20 Cheated out of a run — that's the buzz (5).
21 Distinctive attitude of the dissolute and fat (5).
23 Even a prig could be a passer-on of gossip (5-4).
25 Plant daggers in Capone's back (7).
26 Not hungry, but we went in and cooked (7).
27 Want quiet on Caribbean islands (4).
28 Seeks a ride with the gang — an agonising squash (10).

DOWN

1 Excited by Italian wine — red, to start (5).
2 US academic session on neat chemical (9).
3 Despair seen here, hesitating over move in game (8,6).
4 Fanatic to be executed, that's certain (3-4).
5 Internationals stuck on brown turner (7).
7 Look back along flare-path for some illumination (5).
8 Drudge has painting, perhaps, to mount (4-5).
9 Viola makes nothing, being unemployed (4-2-8).
14 Educationist meets a colleague of husband (3-6).
16 Treble hit scorer got wrong (9).
18 Monopolise the bath? Nonsense! (3-4).
19 West End price demanded in bar (7).
22 Philosopher dismisses English cricketer (5).
24 Make over money to old wife after death (5).

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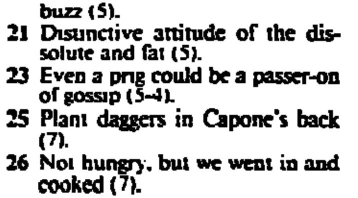

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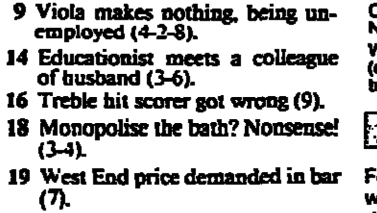

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WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

GALLIARD
a. Lively, vivacious
b. A fencing helmet
c. Frenchified

ZIBET
a. The Asiatic civet
b. A fish basket
c. A sleeveless cloak

KALYPTRA
a. A mirror
b. A veil
c. Secret drawers

ESCLANDRE
a. A candle snuffer
b. Notoriety
c. A scaling ladder

Answers on page 15

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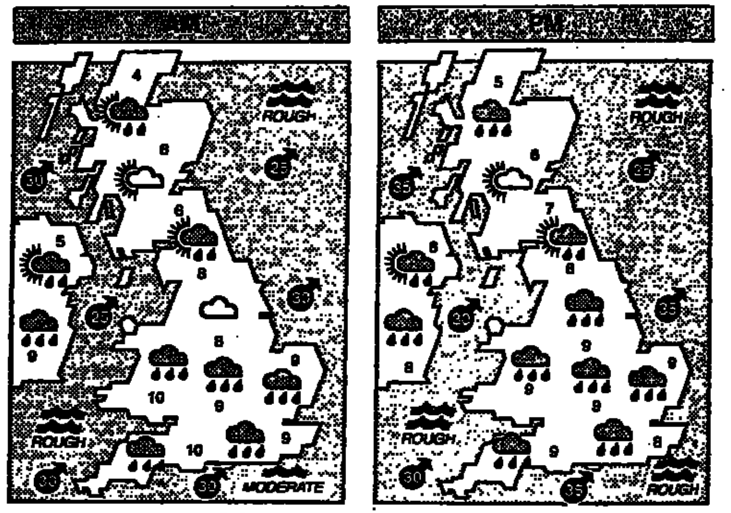
Concise Crossword, page 15

The winners of last Saturday's competition are: D Miller, Norland Avenue, Barrow-in-Furness, Cumbria; P Sage, Feckenham Road, Redditch, Worcs; S E Hitchcock, Chudleigh Close, Bedford; M S Lee, Cavendish Street, Chichester; R M Reynolds, Newman Avenue, Royston, Herts.

WEATHER

Much of England and Wales will have a cloudy, windy day with rain at times. Northern England should have some sunshine while southeastern parts should become drier later. Heavy rain is likely at times especially in the west. Northern Ireland and Scotland will have a mixture of sunshine and showers. Most parts will be mild but it will be windy with gales in many places. Outlook: windy with rain at times.



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ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	15	59	s	Madrid	5	41	c
Akrotiri	18	64	c	Majorca	17	63	f
Alex'dria	20	68	c	Malaga	19	66	s
Algiers	17	63	f	Malta	17	63	s
Amst'dm	6	43	r	Melb'rne	19	66	c
Athens	13	55	r	Miami*	26	79	c
Barcelna	15	59	s	Milan	10	50	s
Belgrade	4	39	c	Moscow	0	32	c
Berlin	5	41	c	Munich	4	39	c
Biarritz	14	57	s	Nairobi	28	82	f
Borde'x	13	55	f	Naples	17	63	s
Brussels	6	43	c	N Delhi	24	75	s
Budapest	6	43	f	Nice	14	57	s
Cairo	26	79	s	Oslo	1	34	r
Cape Tn	24	75	f	Paris	9	48	f
C'blanca	16	61	s	Peking	-5	23	s
Ch'church	18	64	s	Perth (aus)	37	99	s
Cologne	9	48	s	Prague	0	32	f
C'phagn	1	34	r	Reykjavik	0	32	s
Corfu	16	61	f	Rhodes	17	63	s
Dublin	7	45	c	Rio de J	27	81	s
Dubrovnik	13	55	s	Salzburg	2	36	c
Faro	14	57	d	S F'rsco*	14	57	f
Florence	15	59	s	S Paulo*	26	79	c
Frankfurt	7	45	s	Seoul	-9	16	f
Funchal	17	63	f	St'kholm	3	37	c
Geneva	8	46	c	Strasb'rg	9	48	f
Gibraltar	18	64	s	Sydney	26	79	s
Helsinki	1	34	fg	Tangier	17	63	s
Hong K	16	61	c	Tenerife	18	64	c
Innsbrck	4	39	c	Tokyo	8	46	s
Istanbul	8	46	c	Tunis	17	63	c
Karachi	27	81	s	Valencia	17	63	s
L Palmas	18	64	c	Venice	12	54	f
Le Tquet	8	46	f	Vienna	3	37	f
Lisbon	11	52	s	Warsaw	2	36	s
Locarno	10	50	c	Wash'ton*	14	57	s
Luxembg	4	39	f	Well'ton	20	68	s
Luxor	31	88	s	Zurich	7	45	s

* denotes figures are latest available

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 08C (46F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 0C (32F). Rain 24hr to 6 pm, 0.20 in. Sun 24 hr to 6 pm, 1.7 hr.

GLASGOW

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 06C (43F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 01C (34F). Rain 24hr to 6 pm, 0.5 in. Sun 24 hr to 6 pm, 1.5 hr.

TOWER BRIDGE

Tower Bridge will be lifted at the following times: 0745 hrs today and 0800 hrs tomorrow.

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	2.4	.02	7	45	shower
Anglesey	1.1	.29	7	45	rain
Aviemore	1.5	.04	6	43	cloudy
Belfast	-	-	4	39	cloudy
Birmingham	-	.13	7	45	rain
Blackpool	-	.51	7	45	rain
Bognor Regis	-	.07	7	45	rain
Bournemouth	-	.21	8	46	rain
Brighton	-	.07	7	45	rain
Bristol	-	.26	8	46	rain
Buxton	-	.16	5	41	rain
Cardiff	-	.19	7	45	rain
Clacton	-	.11	4	39	cloudy
Cromer	-	-	7	45	dull
Douglas	-	.33	5	41	rain
Edinburgh	0.7	.17	7	45	rain
Eskdalemuir	-	.29	4	39	snow
Exmouth	0.1	.56	8	46	rain
Falmouth	1.2	.73	9	48	rain
Folkestone	-	.02	6	43	rain
Glasgow	0.8	.09	6	43	rain
Guernsey	-	-	9	48	cloudy
Hunstanton	-	.03	7	45	rain
Jersey	x	.04	8	46	rain
Kinloss	2.5	-	7	45	cloudy
Leeds	-	.02	8	46	rain
Lerwick	3.5	.15	6	43	sunny
Littlehampton	-	.08	7	45	rain
Lowestoft	0.1	.08	5	41	rain
Minehead	-	.30	9	48	rain
Morecambe	-	.48	7	45	rain
Nottingham	-	.09	7	45	rain
Penzance	1.9	.32	9	48	hail
Plymouth	0.4	.55	9	48	rain
Poole	-	.22	8	46	rain
Saunton Snd	-	.44	9	48	rain
Scarborough	-	.05	6	43	dull
Scilly Isles	1.8	.28	8	46	shower
Shanklin	-	.24	7	45	rain
Southend	-	.16	5	41	rain
Southsea	-	.17	7	45	rain
St. Ives	1.0	.24	8	46	shower
Stornoway	5.1	.11	7	45	bright
Swanage	-	.21	8	46	shower
Teignmouth	-	.65	9	48	rain
Tenby	-	.51	7	45	rain
Tiree	1.5	.19	6	43	shower
Torquay	0.5	.56	8	46	rain
Weymouth	0.1	.27	8	46	rain
Wick	4.8	.04	6	43	bright
Worthing	-	.08	8	46	rain

LIGHTING-UP TIMES

TODAY
London 5.29 pm to 6.58 am
Bristol 5.39 pm to 7.07 am
Edinburgh 5.33 pm to 7.18 am
Manchester 5.34 pm to 7.09 am
Penzance 5.53 pm to 7.17 am

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	7 27	6.0	8 19	5.8
Aberdeen	7 42	3.4	8.27	3.5
Avonmouth	12.21	10.5	1.16	10.1
Belfast	5.9	3.0	5.57	2.9
Cardiff	12.6	9.8	1.1	9.5
Devonport	11.53	4.2		
Dover	4.44	5.6	5.33	5.3
Milford Haven			12.29	5.3
Newquay	11.29	5.4		
Oban			1.7	2.8
Penzance	11.13	4.2	11.57	4.3
Portland			12.48	1.3
Portsmouth	5.41	3.8	6.33	3.7
Shoreham	4.54	5.0	5.50	4.9
Falmouth	11.28	4.0		
Glasgow	6.25	4.1	6.54	4.0
Harwich	5.30	3.4	6 17	3.1
Holyhead	4.21	4.5	5 13	4.5
Hull			12.28	5.9
Ilfracombe			12 11	7.0
King's Lynn			12.38	4.9
Leith	8.56	4.4	9.37	4.5
Liverpool	5.5	7.5	5.54	7.5
Lowestoft	3.24	2.1	4 13	2.0
Margate	5.37	4.1	6.31	3.9
Southampton	4.55	3.9	5 49	3.8
Swansea			12 42	7.3
Tees	10.7	4.2	10.51	4.3
W'ton-on-Nze	5.27	3.6	6.11	3.3

TOMORROW	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	6.58	5.9	9.48	6.9
Aberdeen	9.7	3.4	9.59	3.6
Avonmouth	1.57	10.0	2.54	10.1
Belfast	6.34	3.0	7.28	2.9
Cardiff	1.42	9.4	2.39	9.5
Devonport	12.40	4.3	1.37	4.2
Dover	6.15	5.4	7.19	5.3
Falmouth	12.10	4.1	1.7	4.0
Glasgow	7.32	4.1	8.59	3.9
Harwich	6.55	3.3	7.41	3.1
Holyhead	6.1	4.5	6.50	4.6
Hull	1.17	6.1	2.9	5.8
Ilfracombe	12.55	6.9	1.57	7.0
King's Lynn	1.32	5.0	2.18	4.9
Leith	10.24	4.5	11.8	4.6
Liverpool	6.42	7.4	7.30	7.6
Lowestoft	4.54	2.1	5.24	2.0
Margate	7.6	4.0	7 58	3.9
Milford Haven	1 16	6.3	2 15	5.3
Newquay	12 16	5.4	1.14	5.4
Oban	1.29	2.9	8.2	3.0
Penzance			12.51	-4.2
Portland	1.13	1.4	2.51	1.3
Portsmouth	7.2	3.8	7 47	3.8
Shoreham	6.31	4.9	7 32	5.0
Southampton	6.26	3.8	7 26	3.9
Swansea	1.30	7.2	2.25	7.3
Tees	11.33	4.3		
W'ton-on-Nze	6.52	3.5	7.42	3.3

Tide measured in metres: 1m=3.2808ft.

TODAY			TOMORROW		
Sun rises: 7.0 am	Sun sets: 5.29 pm		Sun rises: 6.58 am	Sun sets: 5.31 pm	
Moon sets: 3.36 am	Moon rises: 10.51 am		Moon sets: 4.32 am	Moon rises: 12.41 pm	

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DEATH SQUAD

WHERE CAN A YOUNG MOTHER GO TO ESCAPE THE BRAZIL DEATH SQUADS?

Joselita is 14. She knows she is "worthless".

At the age of 9 she was thrown on to the streets. She has a year old baby. In Recife, Brazil, Joselita can either sell herself, become a thief, or starve.

She already knows what it's like to be beaten up, raped, knife-slashed and robbed. That's life. But Joselita also lives in nightly terror of the death squads who "clean up" her district – and that her corpse will be dumped one morning with the garbage.

If you were Joselita, you could have one slim chance of escape – the Passage House run by Ana Vasconcelos. This refuge, sponsored by WOMANKIND (Worldwide) and Childhope UK has already given some 300 girls respite from the violence you may have seen in recent television reports. The girls learn to respect themselves and gain the simple practical and social skills that help them take their place back in the community.

There are about 30,000 more young girls like Joselita on the streets of Recife alone.

We want to give Ana Vasconcelos the financial support to open a second Passage House. **Please will you help us give these girls hope?**

Please return this coupon with your gift to Passage House Appeal, WOMANKIND (Worldwide), FREEPOST, 122 Whitechapel High Street, London, E1 7BR. (Reg Charity No 328206.)

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☐ Please deduct this amount from my VISA/AMEX/DINERS/MASTERCARD No: Expiry Date ____/19____

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"It is very important for us to help the street girls because they are, like us, human beings; they are young, beautiful, intelligent, brave and they want to have a future as women, and as Brazilian citizens." – Ana Vasconcelos

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Boxing clever

CHRIS Eubank, above, should be a contented man. But although his World Boxing Organisation title bout against Nigel Benn was probably one of the most exciting contests of last year, he is not recognised by any of the other three world boxing bodies.

Tonight, Eubank, who considers himself "simply the best" in the weight division, can take his case a little further when he makes his first defence against Dan Sherry, of Canada, at the Brighton Centre. Srikumar Sen, boxing correspondent, considers his chances.................Page 26

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LAST year, sponsorship in sport was worth £223 million but now the recession is hitting hard. Companies are scrutinising their budgets and many are deciding either not to seek new sponsorships or declining to renew agreements. John Goodbody considers the effects of the cutbacks.................Page 26

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River path

PENNY Chuter, above, the chief coach of the Amateur Rowing Association, has taken over the coaching of the Cambridge University Boat Race eight. She has replaced, Mark Lees, who is suffering from the aftermath of pneumonia and is not expected out of hospital until next week. Chuter will coach Cambridge until next Friday, the day before the crew will race against Oxford University at the Reading Head of the River. The Boat Race takes place on March 30.

TENNIS

Swift points

STEFAN Edberg, the world No. 1, needed only 61 minutes yesterday to beat his fellow Swede, Magnus Gustafsson, 6-2, 6-3, to reach the semi-final of the tournament being played in Stuttgart.................Page 26

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Familiar foe

THE pick of the Pilkington Cup quarter-finals to be played today is the meeting of Wasps and Orrell at Sudbury. The match brings Fran Clough, above, of Wasps, face to face with the club where he made his name.........Page 28

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Clue hunt

KEMPTON Park stages the day's best National Hunt racing with five graded contests on a programme headed by the £45,000-added *Racing Post* Handicap Chase. At Punchestown in Ireland, the Eddie Brennan Ltd National Trial promises to offer clues for the big race at Aintree in April. Both meetings are televised.................Page 28

Dalglish departs disenchanted

By IAN ROSS

KENNY Dalglish yesterday resigned as the manager of Liverpool, to bring to an end an illustrious career in football which has spanned more than 21 years.

Dalglish, aged 39, said that he had taken what was an unexpected and surprising decision as a direct result of the increasing pressure that he felt at attempting to maintain Liverpool's record as the most successful club in the history of British football.

Ronnie Moran, Liverpool's senior coach, has been appointed as caretaker manager with immediate effect and will be in charge of first-team affairs for today's League game against Luton Town at Kenilworth Road.

In an emotional speech delivered at a hastily convened press conference at Anfield yesterday morning, Dalglish tried to explain the reasons behind his decision.

"Really, it is just that as a result of 20 years' active involvement in football at a high and successful level, Kenny Dalglish, as a person, has pushed himself to the limit," he said. "I have been in the frontline for 20 years and this is the first time I have made a decision which is more beneficial to Kenny Dalglish than to Liverpool Football Club.

"The biggest problem was the pressure I was putting myself under because of my desire to be successful. It was basically just the build-up to matches and the aftermath of matches that was the problem.

"It is a decision which maybe people will find difficult to understand but it would have been wrong if I had been trying to mislead people into believing that everything was fine with myself. It is just me as an individual who had a problem and the best way for me to solve that problem was to take this action."

Although Dalglish said that he had been seriously considering his future for some time, the timing of his announcement is nothing short of extraordinary. Liverpool are top of the first division and involved in a protracted FA Cup fifth-round tie against their neighbours, Everton. The clubs meet again in a second replay at Goodison Park on Wednesday.

"I just felt that I had gone far enough and I didn't think I could delay it any longer," Dalglish said. "I felt that if it was delayed it certainly would not have been beneficial to me and if it is not beneficial to me I do not see how it could be beneficial to the club.

"There is no animosity whatsoever between myself and the club. It is just something I felt was right. Although people might feel disappointed, I think I would have been more disappointed with myself if I had gone on until the end of the season knowing in my mind that I wasn't happy," he added.

Dalglish did not rule out the possibility of one day returning to the game he has graced with such dignity. "It is always a possibility but I would never do it without consulting this club first," he said.

In recent months, Dalglish has been linked with numerous jobs, including a possible return as manager to Celtic, where he started his career. It has also been suggested that he may be tempted to move to the United States to help prepare the country's national team for the 1994 World Cup finals, which it is to host.

Dalglish's disenchantment with the inevitable demands of a high-profile career might have had its roots in the criticism levelled at him in recent weeks about team selection. His unwillingness to pick Peter Beardsley, the England international forward, who started a senior game for the first time in two months in Wednesday night's FA Cup fifth-round replay against Everton, was unpopular, not only with the Liverpool supporters but also with several experienced members of the club's senior squad.

Beardsley gave an impressive performance against Everton, scoring twice in a 4-4 draw, but it did not silence the critics as Dalglish would have hoped. It served only to increase the sense of outrage that he had been overlooked for so long and for no discernible reason.

It is perhaps significant that Dalglish, a self-confessed perfectionist, offered his resignation 24 hours after one of his most controversial decisions as manager had been exposed as an error of judgment.

Dalglish has numerous business interests outside of football and is involved in establishing a high-technology simulated golf centre in Southport, where he lives with his wife, Marina, and their four children.

Noel White, the chairman of Liverpool, said that Dalglish's resignation had been accepted with the greatest reluctance and that attempts to persuade him to reverse his decision had proved fruitless.

"As he will tell you himself, he is determined to give up active participation in professional football and he has assured us that there is nothing we can do to alter his decision," White said. "He was an outstanding player and his career as a manager has been every bit as successful. This is a sad day for this club."

Dalglish was ushered out of Anfield at the conclusion of the 25-minute press conference in a emotional state, his face sullen and his eyes filled with tears. He informed his players of his decision yesterday morning. The response, predictably, was one of immense surprise.

"He has been under a lot of pressure recently with people telling him which team to pick. I think it got to him," Ronnie Whelan, the Republic of Ireland international, said.

Dalglish's association with Liverpool began in August 1977 when Bob Paisley bought him from Celtic for £400,000 as a replacement for Kevin Keegan, who had left the club to join Hamburg. He won virtually every honour which the game has to offer before adopting the dual responsibility of player-manager in 1985, when he succeeded Joe Fagan 24 hours after the Heysel Stadium tragedy.

Under his managership, Liverpool won three League championships and two FA Cups, including the double in 1986.

KENNY DALGLISH

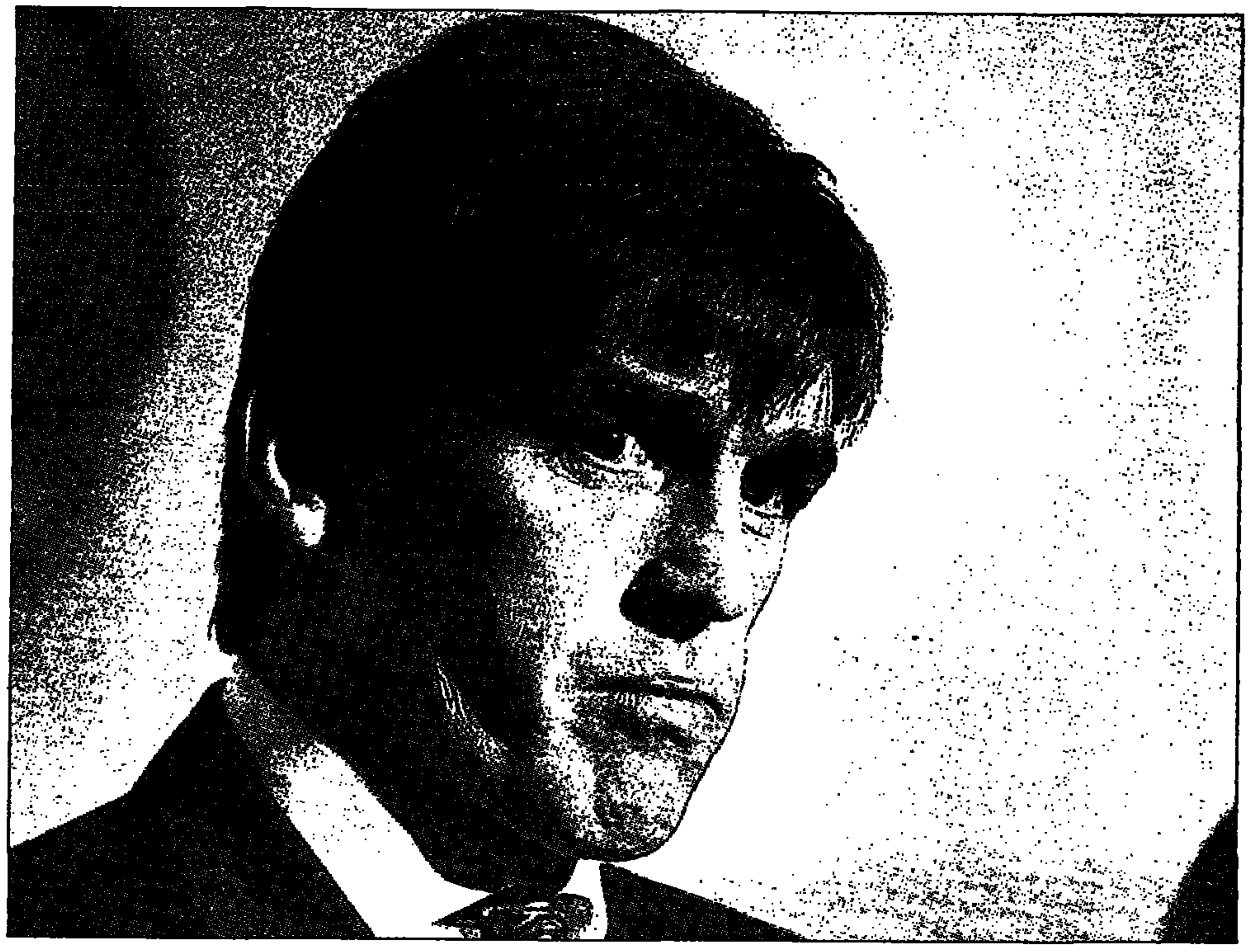
BORN: Glasgow, March 4, 1951. **Wife:** Marina. **Children:** Kelly, Paul, Lynsey, Lauren.

HONOURS: MBE, Freeman of Glasgow, footballer of the year (twice), PFA player of the year, manager of the year (three times).

PLAYING CAREER: Celtic: debut, as substitute, September 25, 1968; started a senior game for the first time, October 4, 1969; 324 senior appearances; 167 goals. **Liverpool:** joined, August 1977 for £400,000; 515 appearances; 173 goals. **Scotland Under-23:** 4 appearances; 3 goals. **Scotland:** full debut, November 10, 1971; 102 appearances (national record); 30 goals (equals national record).

HONOURS: Celtic: As player: 1971-2: Scottish championship, Scottish Cup winners, Scottish League Cup runners-up. **1972-3:** Scottish championship, Scottish Cup runners-up, Scottish League Cup runners-up. **1973-4:** Scottish championship, Scottish Cup winners, Scottish League Cup runners-up. **1974-5:** Scottish Cup winners, Scottish League Cup winners. **1975-6:** Scottish Championship runners-up, Scottish League Cup runners-up. **1976-7:** Scottish championship, Scottish Cup winners, Scottish League Cup runners-up.

Liverpool: As player: 1977-8: European Cup winners, European Super Cup winners, League championship runners-up, League Cup runners-up. **1978-9:** League championship. **1979-80:** League championship. **1980-1:** European Cup winners, League Cup winners. **1981-2:** League championship, Milk Cup winners. **1982-3:** League championship, Milk Cup winners. **1983-4:** League championship, Milk Cup winners, European Cup winners. **1984-5:** European Cup runners-up. **As player-manager/manager: 1985-6:** League championship, FA Cup winners. **1986-7:** League championship runners-up, Littlewoods Cup runners-up. **1987-8:** League championship, FA Cup runners-up. **1988-9:** FA Cup winners, League championship runners-up. **1989-90:** League championship.



Unable to countenance any more pressure: Dalglish was led out of his press conference with sullen face and eyes filled with tears yesterday

Hansen emerges top contender for crown

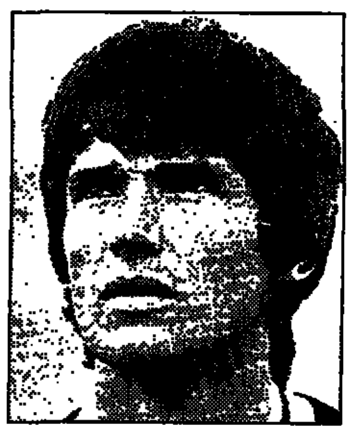
By IAN ROSS

ALAN Hansen emerged last night as the strongest contender to succeed Kenny Dalglish as the manager of Liverpool.

Hansen, aged 35, personable and articulate, is club captain, but he faces a premature end to his playing career because of persistent injury problems. He has made little secret of his desire to move into management, and it is thought likely that he will accept the formidable challenge of succeeding Dalglish, if he is invited to do so.

He enjoys support in the boardroom, the dressing-room and on the terraces, and his appointment would continue the Liverpool habit of promoting from within.

Since Bill Shankly was appointed as team manager in succession to Phil Taylor in December 1959, Liverpool have always chosen their manager from within their ranks. Bob Paisley, in 1974, and Joe Fagan, in 1983, moved up from senior coaching posts to manager. Fagan's resignation, just 24 hours before the Heysel Stadium tragedy in 1985, opened the way for Dalglish's appointment. And Ronnie Moran, the first-team coach, was named yesterday as caretaker manager.



Hansen: eyes on management

Noel White, the Liverpool chairman, acknowledged the idea of keeping the job in the family when he said during the press conference yesterday that he hoped to follow the traditional, quiet pattern of events.

"We will consider all angles but the job will not be advertised," he said. "Very few people could do this job."

Moran's appointment as the caretaker manager was not wholly unexpected under the circumstances but at the age of 56 he is unlikely to seek a demanding job on a permanent basis.

Roy Evans, Moran's fellow coach and at 43 a younger man, is a possibility, but there is a strong lobby of support for Hansen. He has not started a senior game so far this season because of a knee injury and, although he has publicly stated a wish to carry on playing, it seems probable that his lengthy playing career is at an end.

Hansen, one of the most elegant and constructive central defenders, joined Liverpool in April 1977 from Partick Thistle. Liverpool, who were then managed by Paisley, paid £100,000 for him. After establishing himself in the first team, Hansen was an instrumental figure during a period of unparalleled success. He won three European Cup-Winners' Cup medals and played in eight League championship-winning sides.

If Hansen was to be appointed, it is likely that he would call on Moran's vast knowledge to help him negotiate his first season as manager — in much the same way as Dalglish sought the guidance of Paisley during the 1985-6 season.

Another possible candidate from within Anfield is Phil Thompson, the former England international defender, who is Liverpool's reserve team coach.

If Liverpool decide to break with tradition and seek to employ someone from outside the club, the candidates would almost certainly include John Toshack, the general manager of Real Sociedad, of Spain, who spent eight years at Anfield in the 1970s, and Graeme Souness, the manager of Rangers, who was a key figure in the success of the 1980s.

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Footballers may soon see lilac

SIMON BARNES

ON SATURDAY

The continuing attempt to get football played by the rules, rather than by the universally accepted unwritten code (which permits certain kinds of illegality as manly and others as properly result-conscious), is raising the level of inventiveness and debating skills within the game to ever dizzier heights. The latest suggestion is for the introduction of *the lilac card.* This notion, which appears to be football's equivalent to Monty Python's torture chamber ("Oh no! Not the comfy chair!") has been put forward by Lothar Matthäus, who captained West Germany to victory at the last World Cup, and who plays for Inter Milan.

Under Matthäus's scheme, the dreaded lilac card would be shown to players for a second yellow-card offence, if the offence was a piece of naughtiness, rather than utter wickedness deserving of the ultimate sanction. "There has to be a difference made between simply holding a player and a brutal tackle from behind," Matthäus said. He suggested further that a lilac-carded player should be banned for a single match, rather than two, as is the custom for a player who receives a red card.

My own view is that red cards should be automatic for any foul against a goalkeeper, but that goalkeepers themselves should be allowed to foul anybody they like with complete impunity. Certainly, I always played the game as if such a rule were in force.

Run for your life

Talking of dangerous sports, I would like to pass on an invitation for the Tel Aviv marathon and half-marathon, which takes place on April 15. Last year, they had 12,000 runners; this year they hope for more. Those interested may call 071-434-3651.

Thrown out of joint

This story involves Maidstone United football club and their rejection of the world's greatest living male athlete. Maidstone United, without a ground, have drawn up plans and sought planning permission for a new ground — or rather, a major new sports complex. This is all frightfully exciting in a land short on up-to-date facilities for sport. The site is ideally placed — at least, it is if you are a motor-car — near the M20, and it includes an athletics track. The track is designed to take temporary seating, so that decent meetings could be held there. This is all good news for Kentish athletes, who tell me their nearest running track is actually in France.

The sports complex works on the principle of maximising space, and so the running track surrounds an artificial pitch, suitable for hockey and (after a fashion) football. This also sounds like a whizzy idea, but there is a slight snag. I mean, can you imagine throwing a hammer on an artifical pitch? It would bounce like a Barnes-Wallis bomb and end up in the crowd. Lord knows what would happen to a discus that got a good bounce, but it would certainly recreate the days when the demon dinner-plate was used as a weapon. And as for the javelin — well, you cannot bung spears into a highly-priced plastic carpet, can you?

The world's greatest living male athlete is Steve Backley, the world record javelin thrower, voted male athlete of the year by the sport's world governing body. Backley is a man of Kent. Fatima Whitbread has recently moved to Rochester in Kent. The designers of the proposed sports complex say they are aware that throwing events cannot take place in the same place as the running track, but they could be held on a nearby training field. Throwers, people who are conditioned from birth to whinge about the lack of attention granted to their events, are unlikely to be impressed by this. Who would dare tell Fats?

- *One of cricket's great self-applauding jokes of recent years has been* The Bunbury Tales, *David English's stories, allegedly for children, about cricket-playing rabbits, who are readily identified with real cricketers. The latest cricketer to appear in the series is Gary Lineker, who, I hear, asked English if he might make an appearance as a bunny. Thus Bunbury has a new player called Bugs Buneker. Jolly good. The rabbit Buneker done great.*

The hand of Toto

Toto Schillaci has caught an alleged bank-robber, and, it is scarcely necessary to add, it could only happen in Sicily. Schillaci, Italy's World Cup hero, and a Sicilian if ever there was one, was the man behind the capture of Antonino Schellione, aged 57. Schellione, with five others, was allegedly involved in the robbing of a branch of the Bank of Sicily. The gang got away with a good deal, including all that was in the safe deposit boxes, which yielded goods worth £125,000.

Among this treasure trove was a 1,000 lire note, worth less than 50p as it stands, but worth untold fortunes for those who love Toto. For it bore the autograph of Schillaci himself, a prize for which any red-blooded Sicilian would happily sell his mother into slavery. Toto's bank-note had been placed in a safe deposit box by its proud owner on the day of the robbery. The depositor had even shown it to the man on guard. The note was later found on the person of Schellione, who was arrested. The boy Schillaci done justice.

A gulf of opinion

Readers with long memories may recall Marco Lokar, the Italian basketball player, who refused to wear a stars and stripes patch on his uniform in support of American troops in the Gulf. Lokar, who played for Seton Hall college, was booed every time he touched the ball when he played at Madison Square Garden at the start of this month.

Lokar has since been hounded out of the game and has returned to Italy. His last words in the land of the free were: "I give my support to all those people that are suffering and will suffer from this war. I am not questioning the men and women in the Persian Gulf. From a Christian standpoint, I cannot support any war."

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COMMENT

STUART JONES
FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

KENNY Dalglish, typically, had given no indication that he was agonising over his role as the manager of Liverpool. Even the club's officials were taken aback when, while the rest of the city was reflecting on the finest derby to be staged on Merseyside, he informed them of his intention to resign forthwith.

The timing of his decision is astounding. A fortnight short of his fortieth birthday, he was within sight of another landmark which would have made him the undisputed managerial champion. No one else has ever twice led a club to the double of the League championship and FA Cup.

He yearns for success and nothing would have given him greater professional pride than to close the season by adding the principal domestic trophies to Anfield's already overloaded collection of honours. So why has he chosen to turn his back on a potentially unique distinction?

Renowned for the economy of his words, he characteristically restricted his own explanation yesterday. He would disclose only that the action he had taken was prompted by the pressure that he himself had applied. The strain of maintaining Liverpool's lengthy dominance had become intolerable.

The reason might bemuse fellow managers who have been either vainly pursuing prizes or financial security. They would claim that Dalglish, who won the double in 1985-86, his first season, and was within one game of repeating the feat in both 1988 and 1989, has been provided with all the benefits that he could want.

It can be no coincidence, though, that the same seat has been voluntarily vacated by all of Dalglish's predecessors in the modern era — Bill Shankly in 1974, Bob Paisley in 1983, and Joe Fagan in 1985. Being in charge of Liverpool may be regarded as the best job in football but evidently it takes its toll.

In spite of his calm demeanour when attired immaculately in a suit, the stress has been etched in Dalglish's face during matches. Never comfortable when confined in a dugout, he habitually feels compelled to leap to his feet to berate his players (or officials), offer tactical advice or demand additional effort.

Outside Anfield, the chant of "sit down, Dalglish, sit down Dalglish" has been as familiar as the customary tribute from the Kop. Whenever they sang his name, they lingered long on the final syllable as if they were 10,000 librarians requesting instant silence. He always reacted with a wave.

His response to the media has been deliberately less expansive. Representatives of some newspapers have been particularly aggrieved by his refusal to utter anything which could conveniently be converted into a headline. His policy was understandable. He knew the dangers of "being misused or abused".

His allegiance was exclusively to "Liverpool Football Club" (never merely Liverpool) and he could not see why he should provide ammunition for people whose aim, he believed, might be less than honourable. "You watched the game," he was often heard to say. "Why not report what you saw?"

On only two notable occasions did he allow his inscrutable mask of diplomacy to drop. When Alex Ferguson, the manager of Manchester United, was being interviewed in a corridor, Dalglish passed by, cradling his daughter in his arms, and suggested that the reporter might spend his time more productively talking to the infant.

His only other public outbursts were reserved for Luton Town's wall-to-wall carpet at Kenilworth Road. He felt, justifiably, that an artificial surface produced an artificial game but his persistent complaints were eventually ridiculed ... What is the difference between a Jumbo Jet and Dalglish? The jet stops whining over Luton.

It is ironic, therefore, that Liverpool should today be visiting, of all places, Luton but his opinion has since become commonplace. Although he resisted controversy and was perceived in some quarters to be cold and unemotional, he was seen in his genuine light through his conduct after the Hillsborough disaster.

The personification of warmth and dignity, he calmed the city of Liverpool in a manner which converted all of those who might have doubted his sincerity. During those dark weeks, his stature as a person reached the heights he touched as a player and a manager.

"Football is not a matter of life and death," Shankly, whose name adorns the gates guarding the main entrance at Anfield, said long ago. "It's more important than that." Dalglish, though no less passionate about the game or the club, recognised the emptiness of his predecessor's famous saying.

Feeling as though he had lost 95 members of his own family at Hillsborough, Dalglish spent his time supporting the supporters whose relatives and friends had suffered. When he looked at Anfield, which had been transformed into a temporary shrine draped with red scarves and banners, he described it as "the saddest and most beautiful" sight he had ever seen.

On a personal note, his caring nature was illustrated last year. Having received from Liverpool many messages of condolence over the death of my father, Peter, the BBC radio commentator, my mother wrote to Dalglish and asked him to pass on her gratitude to all of those who had written.

He telephoned me early the next morning. "Would it be all right if I put her letter in the next club programme?" he said. Realising that the subsequent match was a match which would attract a comparatively low crowd, he rang back to recommend postponing publication until the Merseyside derby a fortnight later.

Behind the apparent gruff exterior beats the biggest of hearts. Yet, as a manager, he could be ruthless. His selection policy, which at times seemed bizarre, was not based on sentiment, as can be confirmed by Peter Beardsley, an England international who was picked on Wednesday for the first time this year.

"Kenny Dalglish is a natural leader of the front line," Phil Neal, a former player and one of the contenders to take over, said. "His qualities of passion and determination he showed as a player are common to those who represent Liverpool and they are his qualities in management."

Dalglish may now reflect that he should have maintained the tradition of the Boot Room rather than going his own way.

Liverpool tend to guard their secrets but it is believed that Dalglish, instead of delegating duties to his assistants, preferred to shoulder the main burden of responsibility himself. That, in the end, would appear to have provoked him to decide that he could no longer cope with the demands.

In contrast to the traditional song which is raised before the start of every Liverpool game, he believed in walking alone. Now the club, which appointed him on the morning after the Heysel tragedy six years ago, is searching for its eighth manager since the war. And it may be no exaggeration to suggest that an era has ended.

BOXING

Eubank's chance to put case for world recognition

By SRIKUMAR SEN, BOXING CORRESPONDENT

AS A world champion, Chris Eubank should be a contented man. But the Brighton middleweight is hurt because even though his World Boxing Organisation title bout against Nigel Benn was probably one of the most exciting contests of last year, he is not recognised by any of the other three world bodies.

Eubank, who considers himself "simply the best" in the division, tonight has his chance to take his case a little further when he makes his first defence, against Dan Sherry, of Canada, at the Brighton Centre.

If he beats the Canadian with a good performance, recognition should not be long in coming. For the challenger is managed by Sugar Ray Leonard and Mike Trainer, two of the most influential men in boxing, who will soon be pressing the three world bodies to give their man a top-ten ranking. "They only agreed to take me if I thought I could be world champion," Sherry said of Leonard and Trainer.

Sherry may have had only 17 contests but he could prove even more troublesome than Benn. Against Benn, Eubank's problem was clear-cut. He knew that if he could survive Benn's initial onslaught his own power would be too much for the West Ham boxer. Eubank was certain he could stand up to anything Benn could throw at him because he has incredible mental strength.

In Sherry, he faces a better boxer than Benn. Thus Eubank may have to work harder than in the Benn bout to make the openings to land his big punch. Even though Sherry is lacking in professional experience, he has perhaps met more skilled opponents than Eubank, for he had a distinguished amateur career in which he faced Cubans, particularly the brilliant Angel Espinoza, in world competitions.

Sherry won a bronze medal in the World Cup, beating Jeff Harding, of Australia, and a gold in the Edinburgh Commonwealth Games. He has also decisions over two exciting British boxers, Richie Woodall and Neville Brown.

Sherry's diffidence at press conferences should not be taken as a weakness. He is not averse to a little rough-housing. *Ring Magazine* described his bout with Anthony Daley as "six foul-filled rounds".

Trainer has high expectations of his man. "It's a tough one, for sure," he said. "But if Danny goes out and does what he's supposed to, it's going to be a terrific fight, he's got a terrific shot at winning."

However, Trainer admitted the chance may have come a little early. "In a perfect world we'd have waited a year. Eubank is good but he's not Michael Nunn. It is an opportunity we cannot pass up."

Sherry was floored by Darrel Flint in a Canadian championship bout but he got up and stopped Flint by decking him twice. Sherry puts that aberration down to over-confidence, but it is unlikely that he will have met anyone, apart from Espinoza, who can punch harder or more crisply than Eubank.

Sherry's chin may not be up to the sort of blows that destroyed Benn. A stoppage in the later rounds in Eubank's favour looks likely. Sherry may have to pick himself up off the floor once or twice before the referee steps in.

GOLF

Richardson fires into lead

PALS, Spain (Agencies) — Steve Richardson, who left himself a hard act to follow when he was second in the Volvo Masters at Valderrama in October, shot a superb eight-under-par 64 yesterday to take the halfway lead in the Girona Open here.

Richardson, aged 24, from Lee-on-Solent, just behind Russell Claydon in the 1990 Rookie of the Year race, is many people's tip for a place in the Ryder Cup team in September.

He showed why with a nine-birdie burst that swept him one stroke ahead of Colin Montgomerie, of Scotland, with a 67, and the Spaniard, José Rivero, who also recorded a 64.

"That's the best I have ever putted on tour," Richardson, a former English amateur champion, said after posting a two-round total of 135 — nine under.

"The Ryder Cup is a long way off and I've just set myself the target of winning a tournament this season."

If it comes tomorrow it will be worth £41,660 — but a £2,000 bonus was denied him today. His score did not constitute a course record because preferred lies were allowed on the fairways after recent heavy rain.

Richardson, whose father John is a club professional who came thirteenth in the 1970 Open at St Andrews, had to wait six holes for his first birdie of the day, but then raced up the leader board.

He came back in 31, despite three-putting once and finished with three birdies in a row, sinking putts of 20, 15 and eight feet.

Montgomerie, another Ryder Cup hopeful, who is not planning a single week off this season, was slightly disappointed not to catch Richardson.

He stood nine under with four holes to play, but missed the green for a bogey at the short sixth — his fifteenth — and then failed to hole birdie chances of five and eight feet.

SCORES FROM PALS

British or Irish unless stated

135: S Richardson, 71, 64. 136: C Montgomerie, 69, 67; J Rivero (Sp), 72, 64. 137: B Longmuir, 69, 68, S Torrance, 70, 67: M Jimenez (Sp), 71, 66. 138: M Hoegberg (Swe), 72, 66; P Johansson (Swe), 70, 68; K Waters, 70, 68. 139: J Spence, 71, 68; P Hoad, 71, 68. 140: M Mouland, 67, 73, P Broadhurst, 72, 68.

141: J Hawksworth, 73, 68; P Carrigill, 74, 67, K Brown, 71, 70; P Walton, 69, 72; J-M Canizares (Sp), 71, 70; P Way, 70, 71. 142: D Clarke, 72, 70; J Bennett, 68, 74; V Singh (Fiji), 72, 70; R McFarlane, 74, 68; J Townsend (US), 71, 71; R Karlsson (Swe), 70, 72; D Gilford, 70, 72; V Fernandez (Arg), 72, 70; S Tinning (Den), 71, 71; M Farry (Fr), 69, 73.

143: C Van der Velde (Neth), 71, 72; D J Russell, 74, 69; G Day (US), 76, 67; R Claydon, 71, 72; I Feliu (Sp), 70, 73; A Binaghi (It), 69, 74; S Hamill, 69, 74; B Marchbank, 72, 71; C Moody, 69, 74; P Parkin, 72, 71; R Huff (US), 71, 72; E O'Connell, 71, 72; J Carriles (Sp), 74, 69.

TENNIS

Under wraps: Edberg towels himself down during his match with Gustafsson

Siemerink makes his mark

From ANDREW LONGMORE, TENNIS CORRESPONDENT, STUTTGART

WHATEVER the outcome of their semi-final in the Stuttgart Classics today, Stefan Edberg should put the name of Jan Siemerink into his notebook for later in the year. The Dutchman, who has played with increasing authority and confidence through qualifying and the main draw, could prove a handful here, but he positively twinkles at the mention of the green grass of Wimbledon. "Playing on grass is like being on holiday," he said.

Though his record on grass is generally undistinguished, Siemerink has a wicked left-hander's serve, reminiscent in action, if not yet pace, of Roscoe Tanner, and a nice touch on the volley, both of which should be ideal weapons for Wimbledon in high summer. The combination certainly proved too strong for Andrei Cherkasov indoors in late February.

The partnership of Jeremy Bates and Nick Brown, which has blossomed this week, might also prove useful for Davis Cup duty later in the year. The British pair continued their excellent form, reaching the semi-finals with a 6-2, 7-5 victory over the Mexican Davis Cup pair of Lozano and Lavalle.

Siemerink, aged 20 and ranked 98, survived slight hiccups in both sets to win 7-6, 7-5 and he has still not dropped a set in reaching his first major semi-final. "My goal this year was to get into the top 100 and to get experience at this level," he said. As he reached the fourth round of the Australian Open, he is already well ahead of target.

Edberg will not enjoy the advantage of familiarity over Siemerink which he did in his quarter-final against Magnus Gustafsson, who showed little more resilience in defeat by his Davis Cup colleague than he did last week in Brussels. Experience alone, however, should take Edberg to his first final of the year, thereby extending his lead at the top of the rankings to something approaching comfort. Becker, sidelined for at least the next month after withdrawing from Stuttgart with a thigh injury, will lose 313 points this week.

Becker's injury has prompted further speculation about a streamlined tour of four grand slams and maybe five other preparation tournaments, a schedule known to be favoured by Lendl and, quite possibly since his injuries, Becker. Edberg is more realistic about such a tailor-made tour. "The problem comes when you get injured and have to make up your commitment," Edberg said. "But you can't just forget other tournaments and concentrate only on the grand slams."

More surprisingly, Becker was reported as being ready to play the Grand Slam Cup, a rumour denied by his manager, Ion Tiriac, yesterday.

RESULTS: Quarter-finals: J Siemerink (Neth) bt A Cherkasov (USSR), 7-6, 7-5; S Edberg (Swe) bt M Gustafsson (Swe), 6-2, 6-3; J Svensson (Swe) bt K Novacek (Cz), 7-6, 6-2.

● The organisers of the exhibition between Bjorn Borg and Jimmy Connors in London in early April are still waiting to hear from Borg himself that he has withdrawn from the event. "I am still trying to get in touch with him to verify reports that he has pulled out," the promoter, Patrick Malynn, said.

Recession puts the squeeze on sponsorship

By JOHN GOODBODY

THE recession is hitting British sport. Companies are scrutinising their budgets and sometimes either not seeking new sponsorships or declining to renew existing agreements. With corporate hospitality also having to justify its place in company accounts, the new realism of value-for-money in business means that the 1990s are proving less buoyant for sport than the 1980s.

In a business worth £223 million in 1990, much of the impact of the recession has been felt in smaller sponsorships, involving the less popular sports. However, a number of the more important events are being affected.

The 1991 Royal International Horse Show, which has been one of the most attractive events in the sporting calendar since 1907, is under threat unless new financial support is quickly found. The show is £130,000 short of its budget.

The Rugby World Cup is bound to be a financial triumph because it appeals in Britain to the affluent, the people most sponsors are seeking to attract. However, the recession has meant that the commercial organisers have had to lower their expected profits from £35 million to £25 million.

In 1989, the FA Cup was offered for sponsorship over five years at £27.5 million. However, despite the euphoria of the World Cup, when 25.4 million people watched England's semi-final against West Germany on television, and extensive screening of this season's FA Cup ties, no company has agreed to sponsor probably the most famous competition in British sport, one that can produce such marvellous entertainment as the Merseyside derby on Wednesday.

Hockey, in which Britain are Olympic men's champions, lost Heineken after two years of sponsorship for a trophy between the winners of the club league and cup competitions. Paul Vaughan, the sponsorship director of Whitbread, which markets Heineken, said: "We're having a hard look at everything we can do. We're seeking how best to improve our performances in a broad range of premium events. We are concentrating on maximising our benefits."

Among these events are the Whitbread Round the World Yacht Race, the Stella Artois grass-court tennis championships and the Murphy's Cup in golf. "We have been in sponsorship for 35 years and we do not adopt a knee-jerk reaction, so that in periods of financial stringency, sponsorship is not the first thing to go." Vaughan said that he was sure that other companies did not have the same policy.

John Perera, a director of Alan Pascoe Associates, which is looking for a backer of the Royal International Horse Show said: "There is less money available for marketing than in the previous two years, but from our point of view, we have a number of long-term agreements which we have either just started or are half-way through. There is a fair degree of protection for sport and governing bodies."

He added that there was still activity, particularly for successful sports and progressive companies, although he said: "There is less new business now than 18 months ago."

The boom in sponsored events in the 1980s attracted corporate hospitality companies, adding to the aura of the occasion, on which many significant events develop and thrive. However, corporate hospitality has also been restricted by the recession.

Jonathan Callow, a director of Business Entertainment Services, said that although the top of the triangle still flourished, involving important clients at important events, the recession had affected companies at the bottom in a wide variety of sports. Companies were also restricting the number of people they have been inviting to functions. "Budgets are still there to entertain customers, but those budgets have been reduced."

He also pointed out that during a recession, businessmen are less likely to have the time to enjoy corporate hospitality at sports events.

Victoria Telfer, the sales manager of Reed Exhibitions, which is putting on Entertain 91 at Olympia from February 26 to 28, said: "Companies are aiming to retain their market share and keep existing clients. Unlike the spend, spend, spend, of the mid-1980s, companies are less likely to take large groups to sporting events. Money is being much more carefully spent."

She said that the same restrictions applied to sponsorship, although she considers that it remains "an ideal way of reaching a target market".

Derek Etherington, a leading sponsorship consultant, insisted that sponsorship is continuing to grow at ten per cent a year. He said: "There is a tendency for more and more money to come from fewer and fewer companies, with now over 70 companies giving between £1 million and £10 million. It is now very difficult to get into major events."

He said at the top end of the market they were "very happy", although he agreed the market had been affected lower down, despite the fact that only 29 companies had withdrawn from sponsorships in 1990, fewer than in the previous two years. "I remain convinced that with companies needing to communicate, and advertising expenses, that sponsorship remains a marvellous medium."

Supporters should pick the Test team

By KEN LAWRENCE

SPORT ON TELEVISION

THE WEEK IN VIEW

BEFORE the Test and County Cricket Board (TCCB) sits down next week to discuss, analyse, or possibly even condemn the recent efforts of England's cricketers in the southern hemisphere, I have a suggestion for them.

Why not dispense with selectors, with E. R. Dexter and M. J. Stewart, and let the supporters pick the team to face West Indies this summer? It has the immense attraction that all public flak, when we have been rolled over, is deflected from Lord's and, as the man at basketball's Birmingham offices said, a team selected from an amalgam of *Times* cricket followers could hardly do worse.

Basketball? Yes. I fear the proposal is not an original. When the North meet the South at the Granby Hall in Leicester next week, the sides will have been selected by the supporters. The Basketball League nominate 19 "possibles" for each team, and the supporters vote for their 11-man teams.

"It works really well," Martin Shaw, the league administrator, said. "There is some block voting, of course, but it tends to even itself out and there are those who look at all the players quite critically."

The third National All Star game (teams courtesy of the followers) can be seen in *Sport On Friday* (courtesy of BBC2, 2.20pm on Friday), and while the quality may not be quite up to the NBA standard as seen on *Screensport*, it is improving. Shaw says that everything is on the up and up — standards of play, level of competition and the crowds.

If you wish to make a comparison for yourself, one of the best NBA games of the season can be seen live from Detroit on *Screensport* tomorrow (10.30pm) — the LA Lakers against the Pistons, a repeat of last year's final.

Because ITV's contract with the Football League restricts it to only two live Rumbelows Cup semi-finals and it has already shown the Manchester United-Leeds first leg, the company cannot screen back-to-back matches tomorrow, as the BBC did with last season's FA Cup semi-finals. And because it is so finely balanced (Leeds 1, Manchester United 2), it has opted to show the Elland Road leg, which means Chelsea and Sheffield Wednesday supporters are unlucky. They are reduced to highlights in *The Match* (ITV, from 2.30pm).

Eurosport and the Sports Channel are contriving to put out simultaneously on Saturday nights (starting tonight at 8pm) a new, two-hour boxing show. Called *Ringside*, it will feature live bouts on the first and third Saturdays each month, with mainly championship contests taped on the second and fourth Saturdays. Tonight, they feature the former IBF cruiserweight champion, Leroy Murphy, who meets Mike Evans at Darlington.

If they can put out boxing on both channels at the same time, why not the West Indies cricket series with Australia? We know the answer to that one (the eight million German homes that receive Eurosport do not like cricket), but we ask the question all the same.

THE WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

TODAY: ITV shows highlights of the Shearson Lehman Golf from California and, at 3.05, the British Open snooker from Derby. Channel 4 brings Kempton races. Later, on ITV (10.35) and Screensport (10pm), is Chris Eubank's defence of his WBO middleweight boxing title against Dan Sherry. BBC1 has live action in *Grandstand* (from 12.15pm) with rugby league's Silk Cut Challenge Cup, the pairs final of the indoor bowls at Preston and European indoor hockey at Birmingham.

TOMORROW: Live coverage of the Rumbelows Cup semi-final between Leeds and Manchester United. The singles final of the bowls and the final of the European nations indoor hockey dominate BBC2 (from 2.05-6.0pm).

MONDAY: At Preston, the Pearl Assurance golf should reach the fifth round (ITV, 2.20 and 11.50pm).

TUESDAY: A chance to check American athletics form at the US indoor championships (Eurosport, 5.30pm).

WEDNESDAY: The second leg of the Rumbelows Cup semi-final between Chelsea and Sheffield Wednesday can be seen on ITV (10.55pm).

THURSDAY: William Woollard looks at an old but famous Mercedes-Benz racing car (*Top Gear*, BBC2, 8.30pm). Tony Francis presents snooker (ITV, 2.20 and 11.15pm).

FRIDAY: Sports Channel has the first day of the first Test match in Jamaica between West Indies and Australia live (from 2.30-8pm).

RUGBY LEAGUE

Oldham go to Town warily

By KEITH MACKLIN

JOHN Fieldhouse, the Oldham player-coach, is hoping that lightning will not strike twice in the same place. Oldham visit the giant-killers, Workington Town, in the second round of the Silk Cut Challenge Cup tomorrow and Fieldhouse has bitter memories of the last time the teams met at Derwent Park.

Towards the end of last season, Oldham were pursuing the second-division championship. They went to Derwent Park for what seemed the formality of a win, only to be played out of the game by an inspired Town.

The Town team then was much weaker than the side which dismissed Hull Kingston Rovers last Sunday. Led and marshalled by the former Oldham, Leeds and Great Britain scrum half, Ray Ashton, Workington are developing into a formidable second-division unit, and Ashton is convinced that his players can repeat the dose tomorrow.

The Wembley trail begins today with St Helens entertaining Wakefield Trinity, whom they beat comfortably in a first-division match at Knowsley Road last month. Since then, Trinity's form has declined to a point where they are in the relegation area, while Saints, despite a disappointing performance against Swinton in the previous round of the Cup, have had a sequence of wins which has taken them into the top half of the first division. It will be a surprise if Wakefield manage to defy form and upset Saints.

There should be no problems for the joint favourites for cup and league, Wigan and Widnes, both of whom travel to play sides having poor seasons. Wigan are at Rochdale, where Hornets are doomed to relegation and, making matters worse for Hornets, is the fact that they had to struggle to beat the lowly second-division side, Chorley, to make the second round.

Widnes go to Craven Park to play Barrow, who continue to leak points and who recently dismissed their coach, Steve Norton.

Sheffield Eagles should shrug off the absence of Powell to beat the top second-division side, Salford, and last season's finalists, Warrington, should encounter few difficulties at Keighley. Bradford Northern and Leeds have an intriguing derby tie which can go either way, but Halifax seem a safe bet at home to Whitehaven.

SLALOM LAGER ALLIANCE CHALLENGE CUP: Second-round draw: Oldham or Huddersfield v Hull KR or Bramley; Doncaster v Sheffield; Castleford v Workington or Swinton; St Helens v Bradford; Ryedale-York v Warrington; Batley v Salford; Leeds or Barrow v Wakefield or Fulham; Hull v Rochdale Hornets or Whitehaven.

Ties to be played on or before the weekend of March 2 and 3.

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FOOTBALL

Ferguson to pin hopes on stopping Strachan

By Clive White

ONE could forgive Messrs Ferguson, Campbell and Wilkinson had they afforded themselves a wry smile at the reason for Kenny Dalglish's abdication from his seat of power at Anfield. Pressure is something which all managers have to live with, some more than most.

For the above trio it will be particularly intense this weekend, when each one's prayer for success this season will be answered to varying degrees by the outcome of their Rumbelows Cup semi-final ties tomorrow.

Expectation for Ron Atkinson, the missing member of that quartet, is only less burdensome because he has the possibility of promotion from the second division to fall back upon with his Sheffield Wednesday team. A further pressure to come.

But Atkinson seemed unwilling yesterday to make life easier for himself, describing the four days which cover both legs of their semi-final against Chelsea as "the most important in the club's history for a quarter of a century".

Even for the other three, the pressure differs. None will feel it more acutely than Alex Ferguson, who will be expected to bring another important trophy to the Old Trafford boardroom all the more after last season's FA Cup triumph and to maintain United's presence in Europe. The Rumbelows represents their best hope of doing so.

The tie at Elland Road between Manchester United and Leeds United, which is at the half-way stage, could hardly be more finely balanced, at 2-1 in favour of United. The elimination of both sides from the FA Cup since the first leg will only add to the desperate atmosphere of the occasion.

United will need to match the workaholics in Leeds's midfield if they are to hold on to their slender advantage. Neil Webb is fit again, as is Michael Phelan, after injury, though it hardly sounds like their kind of game.

A more pragmatic approach is required, and for that reason United can be expected to drop Lee Martin, their Wembley match-winner last seson, in favour of the more combative Clayton Blackmore at left back. It is a key position. If United can prevent Gordon Strachan, their former winger, from once more pricking Ferguson's conscience, then they could yet take the alternative route back to Wembley.

On the assumption that almost as few players miss semi-finals as finals, one can expect Chelsea's injured players to haul themselves up to the starting line. Andy Townsend's battle to recover from a knee injury has been particularly worrying. His training has been light and only today, for the first time in a fortnight, will he attempt any sharp turns.

Giving less cause for concern are Dennis Wise, the club's record £1.6 million signing, whose presence is by no means guaranteed, irrespective of whether he recovers from a bruised toe, and Graham Le Saux, who could yet displace Wise, a calf injury notwithstanding.

The game is hardly much better timed for Wednesday, coming hard on the heels of two consecutive defeats, one of which was an embarrassing drubbing by Cambridge United, a third division side. Atkinson was confident that the setbacks had been flushed from their system. Well he would be, wouldn't he?

Challengers waiting for a Liverpool slip

THE first test for post-Kenny Dalglish **Liverpool** comes tomorrow at, ironically, Kenilworth Road, whose artificial surface brought forth ill-concealed disgust from the former manager and rarely saw his team perform at its best. Any further slips by the League leaders against a **Luton** side gearing itself for the ritual of a long-drawn fight to retain its first division place, would profit either **Arsenal** or **Crystal Palace**, who meet at Highbury.

Arsenal are buoyed by the return of Anders Limpar, the Sweden international, who has recovered from his knee injury. Tony Adams, who has played in three reserve matches in the past week, was not included in Arsenal's 14-man party.

Crystal Palace saw their vaunted forward line, of Ian Wright and Mark Bright, regain their touch with the goals in extra time that brought Palace a 2-0 win in the Zenith Data Systems Cup match at Brighton on Monday.

Paul Gascoigne is given the chance to rest his long-standing groin injury as **Tottenham** travel across London to play **Wimbledon**, for whom Andrew Clarke, signed on Thursday from Barnet, may start on the substitutes' bench.

Derby County, who are in bottom place, bring Ian Wilson, the Scotland international, into their party at home to **Norwich City** at the Baseball Ground.

The front runner who leads by a length

On the gallops: Townsend heads his stablemate, Durie, as he loosens up for club and country

Townsend chases a double

By Clive White

NO ONE would expect Andy Townsend to admit that he put through his own net when he opted to join Chelsea instead of Arsenal last summer in a £1.2 million transfer.

Similarly, he is unlikely to concede that he blundered when he accepted the offer to defect to the Republic of Ireland when the possibility of England honours lay just around the corner.

Yet, talking to him, one discovers not even a hint of remorse about either decision, perhaps because it lies within the powers of this dominant individual to influence both these decisions for the better during the course of the next month.

The success or otherwise of Chelsea's season hangs on ultimate victory in the Rumbelows Cup, the semi-final first leg of which is against Sheffield Wednesday at Stamford Bridge tomorrow.

By the same token, the Republic's continued presence in the main international arena could depend upon their procuring the right result against England in the European championship next month and in effect dash the ambitions of the English.

CLIVE WHITE

Townsend is crucial to club and country finishing first in their respective races and is indignant at the suggestion that he may have backed the wrong horses.

"Certainly not. I'm still convinced of good times at Chelsea, especially with the young boys we have. Top players will always be looked at to come here.

"And, for that reason, I think the future will be good and I do think the club will win something. If the Arsenals and Evertons had shown as much enthusiasm as Chelsea had about signing me, then maybe I'd have had a harder decision to make.

"As for the Irish, I've never had second thoughts about it and certainly no regrets now. I've had some marvellous times with them and I wouldn't change now even if I could."

For better or worse, Townsend has made his bed, but it is the lying on it or, to be more precise, the treatment table, that he objects to. A month's treatment has been crammed into the space of ten days in order that Chelsea's captain recovers from a knee injury in time for the club's most important match in five years — the date of their last appearance in a semi-final.

Injuries are an occupational hazard, particularly for anyone as combative as Townsend, and he appreciates better than most the psychological, never mind the physical, need to avoid them. "You can get used to not playing just as easily as you can get used to playing," he said.

Training, he believed, was intrinsically linked to playing. "Getting stuck in in your training steels you mentally for whatever you might face in your games. I pride myself in that I don't miss many days' training or games."

But he was not always quite so dedicated. He remembers a time at Southampton when he realised it was possible to "pull the wool over people's eyes".

A quiet word from Jimmy Case, a colleague at the Dell, was responsible for a complete change of attitude on his part, which in turn may have been the making of Townsend into the most skilful/aggressive midfield player in Britain since Graeme Souness.

"He told me one evening over a few beers, 'You're missing a lot of days' training lately and you're starting to miss the odd game. I think you want to knuckle down a bit more'. It hurt. But I think he was right. From that day onwards I changed."

Townsend likes to demand the same approach to the game from the many promising youngsters who are thrusting their way into the first team at Stamford Bridge.

"They all like to mickey-take but they're good pros. They're not out boozing on Friday nights just because they've played 20 games. They know they're not going to survive if they think they can start doing what Best did 20 years ago."

Townsend expects great things from each and every one of them, Le Saux, Stuart, Matthew, Cundy and Hall, but particuarly Jason Cundy, whose introduction at centre back earlier in the season has put an end to the kamikaze antics in defence.

He is desperate to win something, particuarly for Chelsea, and is conscious of its great tradition, which in the last two decades has been for not winning anything, save the second division title (twice) and tournaments which few others want to win.

WEEKEND TEAM NEWS

Arsenal v Crystal Palace
Limpar has recovered from injury and is poised to return for Arsenal. Palace give a late test to Thorn.

Everton v Sheff Utd
Reward for Cottee's two vital goals in midweek is a place in the Everton starting line-up in place of Nevin, who has a badly bruised shin. United may change a winning team and restore Jones after suspension.

Luton v Liverpool
Beaumont, who is on the transfer list, will be given a further opportunity in Luton's midfield.

Norwich ... Black returns and Rodger and *Harvey are well again.*

Nottm Forest v A Villa
Forest should be unchanged despite the return to fitness of Jemson. Villa will thrust Cox, their latest signing, into the side if Gray's hamstring injury does not improve. Platt's chances of playing after a groin injury are rated as slim; Blake stands by.

Wimbledon v Tottenham
Tottenham save Gascoigne for the FA Cup and are also without Van den Hauwe, Howells, Fenwick, Stewart and Walsh who are injured. Bergson, Moncur, Houghton, Gray and Tuttle are all in contention for places.
Wimbledon should be unchanged with Clarke, the new signing, on the bench.

Tomorrow

Rumbelows Cup, semi-final, first leg

Chelsea v Sheff Wed
Chelsea are concerned over the fitness of Townsend, Wise, Le Saux and Bumstead but all can be expected to be available.

Second leg

Leeds v Manchester Utd
Webb and Phelan are back in contention for Manchester United after missing two games

Tottenham deny Gascoigne bid

TOTTENHAM Hotspur yesterday dismissed suggestions that they had received a formal bid of £7 million for Paul Gascoigne, their England international midfield player (Dennis Signy writes).

Terry Venables, the manager, and Peter Barnes, the secretary, both said they knew nothing of an offer but a spokesman for the club said that Nat Solomon, recently appointed chairman of Tottenham Hotspur plc, had been contacted by an agent saying that in the event of the club selling Gascoigne he would *find a club in Italy willing* to pay £7 million.

● **Fifa**, the game's world governing body, is lowering the age limit for international referees from 50 to 45 after criticism about unfit officials at the World Cup finals last summer.

● **BORDEAUX:** Bordeaux, France's leading club of the 1980s, look destined for automatic relegation to the French second division, under French League rules, after being put into receivership yesterday.

● ***Toulon***, of the French first division, have been penalised one point by the League after a linesman was injured by a missile thrown from the crowd during a home match against **Paris Saint Germain**.

● **Brentford's** Leyland Daf Cup quarter-final at Hereford has been postponed 24 hours to Thursday, February 28.

● **Nigeria** have delayed the start of their new season because of confusion over player transfers in the league.

CRICKET

Sore shins may reduce the role of Ramprakash

From Richard Streeton in Colombo

AFTER Mark Ramprakash reported that the condition of his sore shins had deteriorated, England A yesterday were forced to reshape their team plans for this weekend's one-day internationals with Sri Lanka A. Once Ramprakash was ruled out as a bowler, England, who are 2-0 down in the five-match series, felt that they had to include five specialist bowlers.

Blakey, therefore, has been named as the sixth batsman and wicketkeeper. This in turn has ended the hope that Hegg could be given a game after not playing for a month. Consideration was given to Hegg batting at No. 6 but this would not have been ideal in a match that England must win.

Ramprakash has emerged as the team's most confident strokemaker and its outstanding cover or deep fieldsman on this tour and his shin problem has become a big concern. He will play at Moratuwa today but it was a worrying thought that should he make a big score, he could have a reaction that would keep him out of tomorrow's match in Colombo.

Ice-pack treatment and rest have helped Ramprakash to keep the injury partially at bay but he has been advised to see a specialist when he returns to London, which is not encouraging for Middlesex. The only other part-time bowler England have on call for one-day games was Thorpe and he was not considered reliable enough to bowl a full quota of nine overs.

Blakey will open with Morris, who, after a consistent start to this tour, has struggled to get runs. Morris admitted that it was understandable that people should wonder whether the responsibilities of captaincy were affecting his form, as happened when he led Glamorgan. "I honestly do not think that is the case now," he said.

One way and another, it was not England's day yesterday. They had hoped to practise at the Singhalese Sports Club ground but this was booked by the Sri Lankans. England had to use the P. Saravanamuttu Oval, where both the only available practice pitch and the outfield were in an unsuitable condition.

SRI LANKA A (from): *M Halangoda, D S B P Kuruppu, D Bulankulame, D C Wickramasinghe, H Premasiri, B R Jurangpathy, B E A Rajadurai, S D Anurasiri, F S Ahangama, N Fernando, C D C Edirimanne, S H U Karnain, R S Kalpage, M S Atapattu, A Waseantha, S M Faumi.

ENGLAND A (from): *H Morris, R J Blakey, M R Ramprakash, N H Fairbrother, N Hussain, G P Thorpe, P J Newport, R K Illingworth, R A Pick, M C Ilott, I D K Salisbury, T A Munton.

● Yorkshire hold their annual meeting in Leeds tonight, with a motion that the committee should be cut from 23 to a maximum 12 among the proposals to be debated.

Australians build strong position

KINGSTON (Reuter) — The Australians, having bowled out Jamaica for only 158 on Thursday, were 179 for three at lunch on the second day of their four-day match at Sabina Park here yesterday. They had begun the day on 86 for two.

The Australians had destroyed the island side on the first day through the fast bowling of Whitney and McDermott, who brought about a remarkable collapse.

From 107 for one soon after lunch, with Morgan and Dujon both going well, Jamaica subsided to 158 all out, Whitney taking six for 42 and McDermott four for 44.

With the Sabina Park pitch playing well, it had seemed a good toss for Jamaica to win.

JAMAICA: First innings

D S Morgan c Healy b Whitney	42
R Samuels b Whitney	12
†P J L Dujon c Taylor b McDermott	40
J Adams b Whitney	0
C A Davidson lbw b McDermott	6
O Cruikshank lbw b Whitney	0
R C Haynes c Matthews b Whitney	17
A Daley c Boon b Whitney	0
*C A Walsh b McDermott	1
E Wilson b McDermott	4
R Taylor not out	0
Extras (b 13, lb 9, w 4, nb 10)	36
Total	158

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-29, 2-107 3-107, 4-115, 5-124, 6-128, 7-133, 8-134, 9-158.

BOWLING: McDermott 17-2-44-4 (nb 3); Whitney 20-5-42-6 (nb 3); Hughes 6-0-23-0 (nb 2, w 4); M Waugh 5-1-11-0 (nb 2); Matthews 3-1-16-0.

AUSTRALIANS: First innings

G R Marsh b Taylor	2
M A Taylor b Walsh	5
D C Boon not out	43
*A R Border not out	27
Extras (lb 1, nb 8)	9
Total (2 wkts)	86

D M Jones, M E Waugh, G R J Matthews, †I A Healy, C J McDermott, M G Hughes, M R Whitney.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-4, 2-14.

BOWLING: R Taylor 9-2-15-1; Walsh 6-1-12-1 (nb 3); Daley 6-0-23-0 (nb 5); Haynes, 8-0-27-0; Wilson 5-1-8-0.

Jones is again obstacle

HAMILTON (Reuter) — Andrew Jones, the New Zealand batsman, again defied Sri Lanka on the first day of the second Test match yesterday to take his side to 217 for four.

At the close Jones was undefeated on 105 with Shane Thomson on 32. He hit 186 in the second innings of the first Test and with Martin Crowe, the captain, added a world record partnership of 467 runs to allow New Zealand to escape from that game with a draw.

Sri Lanka, whose captain, Arjuna Ranatunga, won the toss for the first Test at the 64th venue to be used, removed Trevor Franklin and John Wright, the openers, in successive overs before lunch *with the score on 40.*

NEW ZEALAND: First innings

T J Franklin c P A de Silva b Gurusinha	15
J G Wright c Hathurusinghe b Labrooy	21
A H Jones not out	105
*M D Crowe c Tillekaratne b Ranatunga	36
K R Rutherford c Tillekaratne b Ramanayake	0
S A Thomson not out	32
Extras (lb 5, nb 3)	8
Total (4 wkts)	217

†I D S Smith, D N Patel, C Pringle, D K Morrison and W Watson to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-40, 2-40, 3-125, 4-126.

BOWLING: Ratnayake 15-3-47-0 (nb1); Labrooy 19-6-33-1; Ramanayake 19-5-39-1 (nb1); Gurusinha 14-3-38-1 (nb1); P A de Silva 14-2-35-0; Ranatunga 9-0-22-1.

England tumble to defeat

AUCKLAND — England lost the final under-19 international match by nine wickets at Eden Park here yesterday to New Zealand, who won the three-match series 2-0.

England, needing 154 to make New Zealand bat again, were dismissed for 177, mainly thanks to a third-wicket stand of 67 by Warren and Smith, and a resolute 48 from Aftab Habib.

ENGLAND: First innings 182 (T A Radford 78; J Paul six for 58).

Second innings

T A Radford c Astle b Brown	9
R J Warren lbw b Stead	28
J P Crawley lbw b Paul	3
B F Smith c Stead b Hart	44
Aftab Habib lbw b Brown	48
M J Lowrey c Brown b Stead	1
S Bartle lbw b Hart	4
G Chapple lbw b Hart	4
C J Hawkes b Nash	8
A D Shaw b Nash	8
M Broadhurst not out	8
Extras (lb 12, w 4)	16
Total	177

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-20, 2-29, 3-96, 4-98, 5-98, 6-113, 7-142, 8-153, 9-165.

BOWLING: Brown 12.5-5-17-2; Nash 10-3-24-2; Paul 20-9-31-1; Wilson 3-0-9-0; Hart 32-19-33-3; Stead 17-4-51-2; Astle 1-1-0-0.

NEW ZEALAND: First innings 336 (M Hart 119, J Wilson 51).

Second innings

S Blackmore c Radford b Chapple	0
M Hart not out	5
S Fleming not out	19
Extras (w 1)	1
Total (1 wkt)	25

FALL OF WICKET: 1-0.

BOWLING: Chapple 2.4-0,20-1; Broadhurst 2-1-4-0.

IN BRIEF

Short pool time goes

CALGARY: Mark Tewksbury twice broke his own world best time in the 100 metres backstroke in a short course pool at the Canadian winter national swimming championships.

In the morning qualifying heat he recorded 53.32 seconds and in the final 52.89, compared with his previous best of 53.69.

TENNIS: Pete Sampras, the United States Open champion, pulled a hamstring muscle and retired from his third round *match against* Mark Koevermans at the US indoor championships in Memphis.

YACHTING: Dennis Conner, whose Stars and Stripes syndicate had gained only $7 million towards its $35 million campaign to retain the America's Cup for San Diego, has won support from three suppliers.

BADMINTON: Christopher and Peter Sheppard, brothers from Southampton, won within minutes of each other on the opening day of the Hi-Tec English national championships at Torbay.

SNOOKER: After losing to Robby Foldvari, of Australia, 5-4 in the Pearl Assurance British Open at Derby in a match that lasted 339 minutes, Neal Foulds, the 13th seed, said his opponent, who appeared to agonise over every shot, was "an absolute disgrace to the game."

ROWING

Christ Church blunt Oriel

ORIEL'S hopes of returning to the top of the men's first *division, a position they* have occupied for the past 20 years, were effectively blunted by Christ Church on the third day of Oxford University Torpids yesterday (a Special Correspondent writes).

Relegated to fourth place for rowing when the river was closed, Oriel moved to second place after bumping New College and Brasenose and they confidently expected to make further progress.

They closed to within a length of the House at the Gut but never got any closer. Christ Church pulled away to open up a two-lengths lead at the University boathouse, which they had extended by a further half a length at the finishing post. Oriel have a second chance today but Christ Church will view the clash with greater confidence.

Somerville had no such worries in the women's top division. They finished well clear of Osler House, who were never threatened by St Catherine's, the third crew.

Men

FIRST DIVISION: University bpd Hertford; Pembroke bpd Balliol; Lady Margaret Hall bpd St Edmund Hall

Starting Order: Christ Church, Oriel, Brasenose, New College, Oriel II, University, Hertford, Pembroke, Balliol, St Catherine's, Magdalen, Lady Margaret Hall

SECOND DIVISION: Lady Margaret Hall bpd Keble; Worcester bpd Lincoln; *Christ Church II bpd Queen's*

Starting Order: St Edmund Hall, Keble, Worcester, Lincoln, Wolfson, St John's, Trinity, Jesus, Wadham, St Peter's, Merton, Christ Church II

THIRD DIVISION: Christ Church II bpd Exeter; Mansfield bpd St Catherine's II; Oriel III bpd St Catherine's II; Lincoln II bpd St Catherine's; Corpus Christi bpd Lincoln II

Starting Order: Queen's, Exeter, University II, New College II, Osler, Brasenose II, St Anne's, Mansfield, Oriel III, Corpus Christi, Lincoln II, St Catherine's II

FOURTH DIVISION: Balliol II bpd Hertford II, Pembroke II bpd Worcester II, Queen's II bpd Keble II, Exeter II bpd Keble II, Linacre bpd Keble II, St John's II bpd Keble II, Lady Margaret Hall II bpd Keble II, Wadham II bpd Keble II.

Starting order: Balliol II, Hertford II, Pembroke II, Worcester II, Wolfson II, St Edmund Hall II, Queen's II, Exeter II, Linacre, St John's II, Lady Margaret Hall II, Wadham II.

FIFTH DIVISION: St Hugh's bpd Oriel IV, New College III bpd Oriel IV, Regents Park bpd Jesus II, Magdalen II bpd Keble III, Oriel V bpd Keble III, St Anne's II bpd Keble III, Exeter III bpd Keble III.

Starting order: Keble II, Worcester III, St Hugh's, New College III, Oriel IV, Queen's III, Regents Park, Jesus II, Magdalen II, Oriel V, St Anne's II, Exeter III.

SIXTH DIVISION: Exeter III bpd Hertford III; St John's III bpd Hertford III; St Peter's II bpd Trinity II; Trinity II bpd Hertford III; Corpus Christi II bpd Christ Church III; *Christ Church III bpd Hertford III*; Wolfson III bpd Templeton; Templeton bpd Brasenose III; New College IV bpd Oriel VI; Oriel VI bpd University III.

Starting order: Keble III, St John's III, St Peter's II, Trinity II, Corpus Christi II, Christ Church III, Hertford III, Wolfson III, Templeton, Brasenose III, New College IV, Oriel VI.

SEVENTH DIVISION: New College IV bpd Lincoln III; Balliol III bpd St Edmund Hall III; St Edmund Hall III bpd Lincoln III; Merton II bpd Lincoln III; Worcester IV bpd St Hugh's III; Lady Margaret Hall III bpd Osler House II.

Starting order: University III, Balliol III, St Edmund Hall III, Merton II, Lincoln III, St Hugh's II, Worcester IV, St Hugh's III, Lady Margaret Hall III, Osler House II, Balliol IV, Christ Church IV, St Hugh's IV.

Women

FIRST DIVISION: Wadham bpd Lady Margaret Hall; Wolfson bpd St Hugh's; Keble bpd University; Trinity bpd Pembroke

Starting Order: Somerville, Osler House, St Catherine's, Wadham, Lady Margaret Hall, New College, Brasenose, Wolfson, St Hugh's, Keble, University, Trinity

SECOND DIVISION: Trinity bpd St Anne's; Hertford IV bpd Lincoln; Somerville II bpd Jesus

Starting Order: Pembroke, St Anne's, St Hilda's, Worcester, Hertford, Lincoln, Christ Church, Balliol, St Edmund Hall, St John's, Somerville II, Jesus

THIRD DIVISION: St Peter's bumped St Hugh's II; Oriel bpd St Peter's, New College II bpd St Hugh's II, Exeter bpd St Hugh's II, Wadham II bpd St Hugh's II, Magdalen bpd Corpus Christi, Queen's bpd Corpus Christi, Linacre bpd Queen's, Merton bpd Queen's, and Lady Margaret Hall II bpd Osler House II.

Starting order: Oriel, St Peter's, New College II, Exeter, Wadham II, St Hugh's II, Magdalen, Linacre, Merton, Queen's, Corpus Christi, Lady Margaret Hall II.

FOURTH DIVISION: Lady Margaret Hall II bpd Hertford II; St Hilda's III bpd St Hugh's III; St Anne's II bpd St Hugh's III; Oriel II bpd Magdalen II; St John's II bpd Mansfield, Pembroke II bpd Mansfield.

Starting Order: Osler House II, Hertford II, St Hilda's II, St Hilda's III, St Anne's II, St Hugh's III, Oriel II, Magdalen II, Exeter II, Lady Margaret Hall III, St John's II, Pembroke II.

FIFTH DIVISION: Pembroke II bpd Christ Church II; Regents Park bpd Brasenose II; Oriel III bpd St Edmund Hall II; St Edmund Hall II bpd Brasenose II; St Peter's II bpd Brasenose II; Pembroke III bpd Oriel IV; University II bpd Oriel IV; Jesus II bpd Oriel IV.

Starting Order: Mansfield, Christ Church II, St Catherine's II, Regents Park, Oriel III, St Edmund Hall II, St Peter's II, Brasenose II, Christ Church III, Pembroke III, University II, Jesus II, Oriel IV.

HOCKEY

English pull back early Polish lead

ENGLAND and Scotland made the kind of starts they wanted in the European indoor championship at the Aston Villa Leisure Centre yesterday. England overpowered Poland 8-5 and Scotland beat Spain 6-3 (Sydney Friskin writes).

After conceding three goals to the Poles in 13 minutes, England recovered with a goal by Nail and another by Kerly on the stroke of half time. Three second half goals by Halliday from short corners put them 5-3 ahead.

A spirited challenge by Poland was suppressed with Jennings scoring twice in a minute for a 7-4 lead and when Grimley added the eighth goal victory seemed assured. Poland scored from a penalty stroke with four seconds remaining.

Andrew Hay put Scotland ahead within 38 seconds but Spain levelled through Juan Escara. Hay restored the lead for the Scots from a corner but at half time Spain were back level with Alcaraz converting a penalty stroke.

Hay soon put the Scots 3-2 ahead at the start of the second half and three goals in a row by Christie gave them a commanding lead.

RESULTS: Pool A: Germany 11, Switzerland 7; Spain 3, Scotland 6. Pool B: Austria 6, France 6; England 8, Poland 5.

FOR THE RECORD

BADMINTON

TORBAY: English championships: Men's singles: First round: D Hall (Essex) bt A Bush (Wilts), 15-7, 15-8; R Nock (Gloucs) bt S Filler (Bucks), 15-10, 15-8; P Smith (Surrey) bt Kum Wai Kok (Essex), 15-7, 15-0; C Fenton (Yorks) bt D Woodhouse (Worcs), 15-11, 15-8; M Smith (Hants) bt P Chambers (Essex), 15-0, 15-2; T Cole (Worcs) bt P Hinder (Wilts), 14-17, 15-7, 15-2; B Pandya (Staffs) bt C Palmer (Essex), 15-12, 17-16; M Adams (Yorks) bt M Andrew (Cheshire), 15-8, 15-8; I Pearson (Essex) bt A Jones (Devon), 15-11, 7-15, 15-10; P Bush (Wilts) bt S Archer (Worcs), 9-15, 15-8, 17-14; C Sheppard (Hants) bt K Jolly (Essex), 18-14, 8-1, ret; A Nielsen (Surrey) bt J Robertson (Northants), 15-8, 15-0; N Panesar (Yorks) bt L Mills (Surrey), 15-10, 15-2; P Sheppard bt P Knowles (Kent), 17-14, 9-15, 15-13; D Constantine (Bucks) bt M Haywood (Gloucs), 15-8, 16-17, 15-10; S Butler (Warwicks) bt R Hamsworth (Essex), 15-3, 15-8. Women's singles: First round: N Groves (Sussex) bt K McKittrick (Worcs), 10-12, 11-7, 11-4; J Mann (Warwicks) bt A Abbott (Notts), 8-11, 11-8, 11-4; S Louis (Devon) bt J Davies (Lincs), 9-11, 11-5, 11-8; J Wright (Sussex) bt Z Robins (Surrey), 11-2, 11-5; T Dineen (Essex) bt N Greenwood (Yorkshire), 8-11, 11-2, 12-9; S Hore (Hants) bt L Thomas (Worcs), 11-8, 11-8; A Humby (Hants) bt L Jackson (Essex), 11-1, 11-5; N Jordan (Warwicks) bt B Blair (Devon), 12-11, 12-10.

YACHTING

BOC SINGLE-HANDED ROUND THE WORLD RACE: Leading positions (at 11.20 GMT yesterday, with miles to Punta del Este, Uruguay): Class 1: 1, Generali Concorde (A Gautier, Fr), 2,285 miles; 2, Innkeeper (D Adams, Aus), 2,708; 3, Groupe Sceta (C Auguin, Fr), 2,710; 4, Crédit Agricole (P Jeantot, Fr), 2,788; 5, Duracell (M Plant, US), 2,845; 6, Alba Regia (N Fa, Hun), 2,849; 7, BBV Expo '92 (J Ugarte, Sp), 2,978; 8, Jarkan (K Birtles, Aus), 2,980; 9, Grinaker (B Read, SA), 3,011; 10, Ecureuil PC (I Autissier, Fr), 3,024. Class 2: 1, Servant IV (Y Dupasquier, Fr), 3,020; 2, Project City Kids (J Boye, US), 3,382; 3, Buttercup (D McIntyre, Aus), 3,505; 4, New Spirit of Ipswich (J Hall, GB), 3,574; 5, Sebago (H Roth, US), 5,000. Corinthian class: 1, Volcano (P Thackaberry, US), 3,728; 2, Shuten-dohji (M Saito, Japan), 3,672; 3, Global Exposure (R Davis, GB), 3,688.

BOWLS

YETTON TROPHY (women's national inter-club championship): Quarter-finals: Thornaby 83, St Neots 66; Norfolk and Norwich 67, Stevenage 78; King George 81, Croydon 77; Atherley 78, West Cornwall 90.

BOXING

WALSALL: Professional bill: Lightweight (10 rnds): Paul Charters (Newcastle) bt Peter Till (Walsall), rsc 6th rnd. Light-welter (6 rnds): Shaun Cogan (Birmingham) bt Tony Britland (Bournemouth), pts. Light-middle (6 rnds): Rob Pitters (Newcastle) bt Martin Rosamond (Southampton), rsc 2nd rnd; Richie Woodhall (Telford) bt Shamus Casey (Alfreton), rsc 3rd rnd. Middle (6 rnds): Russell Washer (Swansea) drew with Marvin O'Brien (Leeds).

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Seattle SuperSonics 120, New York Knicks 101; Miami Heat 104, Washington Bullets 90; Portland Trail Blazers 122, Denver Nuggets 111; Los Angeles Lakers 106, Dallas Mavericks 92; Houston Rockets 92, Milwaukee Bucks 90.

CARLSBERG LEAGUE: First division: Derby 103, Hemel Hempstead 91; Sunderland 86, Kingston 100.

SNOOKER

DERBY: Pearl Assurance British Open: Fourth round: A Meo (Eng) bt D Mountjoy (Wales), 5-4; R Foldvari (Aus) bt N Foulds (Eng), 5-4.

RUGBY LEAGUE

SLALOM LAGER ALLIANCE: Second division: Keighley 16, Batley 16.

TENNIS

MEMPHIS: Men's tournament: Third round: M Stich (Ger) bt M Wilander (Swe), 6-3, 6-3; C Caratti (It) bt T Mayotte (US), 3-6, 7-6, 6-2; M Chang (US) bt G Connell (Can), 7-6, 6-7, 6-4; J Tarango (US) bt W Masur (Aus), 7-5, 6-4; D Rostagno (US) bt J Courier (US), 6-1, 6-4; D Cahill (Aus) bt P McEnroe (US), 6-3, 6-4; I Lendl (Cz) bt P Haarhuis (Neth), 6-2, 6-1; M Koevermans (Neth) bt P Sampras (US), 2-6, 1-1, ret.

OKLAHOMA CITY: Women's tournament: Second round: A Smith (US) bt C Suire (Fr), 6-3, 6-4; J Novotna (Cz) bt E Reinach (SA), 6-1, 6-2; C Lindqvist (Swe) bt E Reinach (SA), 2-6, 7-6, 6-0.

EASTBOURNE: LTA men's indoor satellite tournament: Quarter-finals: N Fulwood (GB) bt S Botfield (GB), 6-0, 6-2; T Nydahl (Swe) bt C Wilkinson (GB), 6-1, 6-0; A Dalboni (It) bt B Joelson (US), 7-5, 6-4; N Bruno (It) bt L Bale (SA), 3-6, 6-4, 6-3.

CROYDON: LTA women's indoor satellite tournament: Finals: Singles: E Callens (Bel) bt S Gomer (GB), 6-1, 6-0. Doubles: S Gomer and V Lake (GB) bt D Wamelink and C Wegink (Neth), 6-3, 2-6, 7-5.

GOLF

LOS ANGELES: Open tournament: First round: (US unless stated): 65: W Grady (Aus), L Nelson. 66: D Waldorf, A Magee, S Pate, J Sluman, C Stadler. 67: D Frost (SA), M Brooks, F Couples, B Sander, H Irwin, G Morgan, C Beck.

SINGAPORE: Open championship: Leaders after two rounds: 138: Chen Tze-Chung (Taiwan), 69, 69. 139: W Riley (Aus), 70, 69; R Gibson (Can), 68, 71; J Kay (Can), 67, 72. 140: Y Oyama (Japan), 73, 67.

HONOLULU: Hawaiian women's open tournament: First round (US unless stated): 66: J Wyatt. 68: P Sheehan. 69: Ok-Hee Ku (S Kor), E Daniel. 70: V Skinner. 71: S Thomas, P Bradley, D Mochrie, D McHaffie, K Cockerill. Leading Briton: 72: S Lowe (GB).

LINKOU: Taiwan women's open championship: Final scores (Taiwan unless stated): 220: Lee Wen-Lin, 70, 72, 78. 221: Tu Ai-Yu, 74, 74, 73; Huang Bie-Shyun, 75, 72, 74. 222: A Dibos (Peru), 71, 75, 76. Leading Briton: 236: S Strudwick, 81, 73, 78.

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): New York Rangers 4, Philadelphia Flyers 4; Pittsburgh Penguins 11, Toronto Maple Leafs 4; Chicago Black Hawks 4, Boston Bruins 1; St Louis Blues 7, New York Islanders 2; Calgary Flames 6, Vancouver Canucks 4.

CRICKET

SHEFFIELD SHIELD: Sydney: Victoria 281 (S O'Donnell 109; W Holdsworth 6-89); New South Wales 31-0. Brisbane: Western Australia 228-5 (G Wood 73) v Queensland. Adelaide: South Australia 236-6 (G Bishop 92 not out) v Tasmania.

CURRIE CUP: Verwoerdburg: Northern Transvaal 89 (J Rhodes 57; R Verner 6-28, S Kimber 4-28); Natal 176-6. Johannesburg: Western Province 146 (S Jacobs 6-35); Transvaal 62-4.

SQUASH RACKETS

CARDIFF: Leekes Welsh Classic: Women: First round: L Opie (Eng) bt A Cumings (Eng), 15-8, 15-10, 15-8; D Drady (Aus) bt S Schöne (Ger), 15-7, 15-9, 14-17, 15-2; M Le Moignan (Eng) bt F Geaves (Eng), 15-12, 15-10, 15-11; S FitzGerald (Aus) bt R Lambourne (Aus), 11-15, 15-8, 15-7, 15-7. Men: Second round: Jahangir Khan (Pak) bt A Davies (Wal), 15-12, 15-12, 15-10; R Martin (Aus) bt R Norman (NZ), 15-10, 15-4, 16-17, 15-7; C Robertson (Aus) bt S Hailstone (SA), 15-3, 15-13, 15-3; B Beeson (Eng) bt P Whitlock (Eng), 6-15, 15-13, 7-15, 15-13, 15-12.

RUGBY UNION

Morris the key as Orrell strive to reach semi-finals

By DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

A WRY smile comes to Des Seabrook's lips when he hears that **Wasps** and **Harlequins** gathered last night as part of their preparations for today's Pilkington Cup quarter-finals. "If they can meet on Friday night for a home game they must have lots of money," he says. "We have put all our money into buildings and we are in debt. It would be wrong for me, as rugby manager, to ask for an overnight stop when we owe money."

So it is that **Orrell**, champions of the North — and of the South-West now — will come out of Lancashire this morning to try to topple Wasps at Sudbury and, in passing, remind one of their own — Fran Clough — of his roots. Clough made his name with Orrell before going to Cambridge University, and he will be in the Wasps midfield today.

Nor is it coincidence that Orrell should have received messages of encouragement this week from such clubs as Bath and Gloucester. The South-West, for the first time in a decade, has no representative at this stage of the cup, but it can identify strongly with Orrell's homespun organisation which has not only brought them so far since the early 1970s but, more important, has kept them among the leading clubs in England.

"If we win we will have done exceedingly well," Seabrook said. "We have learned to win away from home in the league, but it's never easy. On the other hand, so many people want to see us fly the flag, people on the fringes want us to do well and we have a better side than in previous years. The key to it this season has been Dewi Morris. He's a very good player and he's helped Martin Strett, so our threequarters have gained considerably."

A big sponsor would ease Orrell's burden; the construction of their club is such that, running as many junior teams as they do, they can see what the shape of their first XV will be in five or ten years' time, but it is an expensive business just to transport their junior teams. They have received help from Heinz UK and from Pilkington, both of whom have bases relatively near. "If we had a major sponsor to finance the running of the rugby side, that would relieve us of a lot of travelling costs and the money we spend on medical equipment and rugby equipment," Seabrook said.

It is easily forgotten, too, that Orrell lost a complete midfield to rugby league over the last three years yet have remained one of the hardest clubs to beat, particularly at home, in the first division. They will go into today's game with only a slight doubt over David Cleary, the flanker, who has been recovering from a groin strain; Paul Manley stands by, but Cleary did everything required of him at a training evening on Thursday abbreviated by lashing wind and rain.

Wasps, last year's Courage champions, have yet to meet Orrell in the league this season. They managed a slim enough win, by 12-6, at home last season and will be content if they go through to Monday's semi-final draw today by a similar margin. However, three of the eight games between the clubs, including the only previous cup meeting, in 1984, have been drawn.

It would not be surprising if all four home teams won today: Harlequins, with their 11 internationals, will be favoured to beat **Rosslyn Park** but the Park, with the team that made such an impression in the first half of the season, will be very happy to go in as underdogs. **London Irish**, who travel to **Nottingham**, have yet to decide on their full back since Charlie Haly, the replacement for the injured Jim Staples, has had to return to Cork for a family funeral.

Northampton, who play Moseley at Franklins Gardens, have Gary Pearce, their captain, back from a night in hospital with a kidney complaint; Paul Alston returns to the back row after the completion of four weeks' suspension; John Steele, who was such a crucial element in their progress to last season's cup semi-final, has recovered from a damaged shoulder; and Tim Rodber, is fit after a bout of influenza to play lock.

TODAY'S TEAM NEWS

Harlequins v Rosslyn Pk
Harlequins field the XV which beat Gloucester in the last round. Park offer two B internationals, Moon and Dear, against their opponents' 11 capped players.

Northampton v Moseley
Northampton prefer Ward on the wing with Rodber replacing Hall at lock. Moseley, without the injured Purdy (full back) and Linnett (prop), play Arntzen and Lyman instead and fly Hardcastle from his job in Belgium to play stand-off.

Nottingham v L Irish
A bruised hip keeps out Taylor so Hudson hooks for Nottingham who have Gregory back to play stand-off. The Irish bring in Roland on the wing and Winchman, their New Zealander, plays flanker.

Wasps v Orrell
Wasps field the XV that beat Leicester with six internationals, including England props Probyn and Rendell. Orrell keep a back row of Cleary, Bibby and Ashurst with Strett looking to pass 250 points for the season.

Davies is back for cup game

By GERALD DAVIES

PHIL Davies, fresh from his successful comeback with Wales last weekend, returns today to play for **Llanelli** against **Pontypridd** in the only contest which contains premier division clubs in the sixth round of the Schweppes Cup. He is joined by his fellow Wales colleagues, Ieuan Evans and Emyr Lewis, neither of whom played in their side's convincing 53-16 victory against Bristol in midweek.

There is some doubt as to whether the match will be played because of heavy rain and there will be a pitch inspection this morning. No team has been successful at Sardis Road since Cardiff won last October. Phil May will play his 54th cup match, which is only two short of Ray Gravell's record for the competition.

But for **Bridgend** against **Maesteg** and **Newbridge** against **Cross Keys**, all the fixtures are between what was once thought of as senior and junior clubs. Ian Stephens, the Bridgend coach, is concerned that his team has so few representatives in the Welsh squad.

Neath, who host **Felinfoel**, are resting three of their internationals — Scott Gibbs, Glyn Llewellyn and John Davies. Mike Whitson returns after suspension and will partner Paul Jackson in the second row.

Emyr is called in to face France

By DAVID HANDS

ARTHUR Emyr, who has been so unlucky with injury this season, returns to the Welsh side which will play France at Parc des Princes on March 2. The Swansea wing, who will win his ninth cap, displaces Steve Ford, of Cardiff, in the only amendment to the XV which drew 21-21 with Ireland last weekend.

Although Ron Waldron, the Welsh team manager, denied when the team was announced yesterday that Ford was in any way a scapegoat, he did comment on lapses of defence which helped the Irish back into the match; in that respect, Simon Geoghegan, the powerful right wing from London Irish, did Ford's case no good at all.

Emyr, aged 28, has had a miserable season. He was dropped from the national squad before the game against the Barbarians in October after missing two medical appointments and then, in Swansea's first league match of the season, damaged his shoulder.

Having recovered fitness, he played for the Barbarians against Leicester just after Christmas and promptly tore ankle ligaments; since then, the bad weather has limited him to one full appearance in Swansea's senior side, against Penarth.

In his absence, the Welsh side has lost two and drawn one of their five nations' championship matches but no more whole-hearted player could be called on than Emyr. Otherwise, it was entirely predictable, despite somewhat premature criticism of Neil Jenkins, the 19-year-old stand-off half, that the more positive aspects of last Saturday's game in Cardiff should have ensured another chance for the same match squad for the game in Paris which, if France win, will give them the prospect of a grand slam.

"We hope Arthur will give us a bit more physical presence," Waldron said of the player who, in his last international appearance, in Namibia, scored two tries. "Ford has not been made the scapegoat for our draw against Ireland. We should have had the game against the Irish by the scruff of the neck but our discipline let us down. We gave them three tries and we must try to improve on our defence. We are working hard on that score and I am sure we will give the French something to think about."

WALES: P H Thorburn (Neath, captain); I C Evans (Llanelli), M G Ring (Cardiff), I S Gibbs (Neath), A Emyr (Swansea); N R Jenkins (Pontypridd), C J Bridges (Neath); M Griffiths (Cardiff), K H Phillips (Neath), J Davies (Neath), E W Lewis (Llanelli), G O Llewellyn (Neath), P Arnold (Swansea), M S Morris (Neath), P T Davies (Llanelli). Replacements: A Clement (Swansea), D W Evans (Cardiff), R N Jones (Swansea), K Waters (Newbridge), B R Williams (Neath), A J Carter (Newport).

Juniors tilt at Twickenham

By BARRY TROWBRIDGE

A FINAL at Twickenham may be only two games away for the eight clubs left in the Pilkington Cup, but it is even closer for four junior sides as the inaugural Provincial Insurance Cup reaches its semi-final stage this afternoon.

Designed for the bottom 512 clubs nationwide in the Courage Clubs Championship, the competition has been a resounding success, with new friendships being forged as teams have ventured beyond their normal geographical boundaries, and today's matches offer a perfect blend as the two town sides left in contention are drawn against the two old boys' XVs, in what amount to north and south play-offs.

The Rugby Football Union has responded by appointing two of its top referees to the games, and at Headingley Fred Howard will add the necessary authority as **Leodiensian**, a club formed by the old boys of Leeds Grammar Schol, play **Bradford Salem**. Leodiensian play their league rugby a division above Salem, but since September 1989, the clubs have lost only two Courage games between them and West Yorkshire pride will be at stake as well as a place at Twickenham.

At a time when senior clubs in the area are struggling to impress in league rugby, Leodiensian attracted more than 600 people to their quarter-final, among them a long-suffering Roundhay supporter, who, on witnessing Rob Aslett's outstanding performance, said: "If we could have your scrum half, all we'd need is another 14 players."

In the sixth round, some no-nonsense tackling in the centre by Giles Balmer went a long way to holding Wetherby at bay as they clawed back a 16-point deficit, but the Salem backs have all featured as the competition has progressed, and in Andy Gannon, at stand-off, they have the tournament's most prolific scorer, his tally reaching 102 points in the quarter-final.

At Marlow, Ian Bullerwell has the honour of keeping **Bicester** and **Old Reedonians** under control, although if representative presence is a pointer, the Oxfordshire club seems to have the upper hand, ten of its number having gained county honours.

Alex Hamilton, a Reedonian centre, brought forward his wedding a day so as not to miss the match, but since it took place in Edinburgh last night and half the side attended, the early-morning shuttle flight to Heathrow needs to be on time. Flying, though, will not discourage Reedonians. On the morning of their fifth-round match, Nick Richards, their stand-off, flew in from a holiday in Hong Kong . . . and went on to kick five penalty goals in the 15-3 victory over Hellingly.

TEAMS AND THEIR RECORDS

BRADFORD SALEM: S Hayden; R Gilgrass, N Klenk, G Sykes, A May; A Gannon, N Cumming; G Sharp, C Lamb, K Laben, S Goble, A Beaumont, G Scott, R Head, M Heap. Leading points scorer in Provincial Insurance Cup: Gannon, 102. Cup record: 80-18 at Hartlepool BBOB; 110-0 v Shildon Town; 19-6 at Leeds Corinthians; 12-9 v Ashington; 26-3 v Old Modernians; 7-0 v Manor Park; 12-6 v Melton Mowbray.

LEODIENSIAN: J *Pickles*; G Parlett, G Balmer, R Ambler, M Lennon; S Ellis, R Aslett; M Johnson, B Matthews, P Woodhead (capt), M Armstrong, N Clark, W Harding, R Fernyhough, J Hughes. Coach: C Hall. Leading points scorer this season in Provincial Insurance Cup and Courage Clubs Championship: Parlett, 72 and 67. Cup record: 26-0 v Rodillians; 49-7 at Jarrovians; 34-4 v Houghton; 13-3 v Furness; 9-6 v Silloth; 16-13 v Wetherby; 16-0 v Old Anselmians.

OLD REEDONIANS: G Bracewell; S Bailey, A Nevitt, A Hamilton, D Syms; N Richards, C Williamson; S Dilloway, J Isaacs, R Deane, A Applesnaip, P Grocott, S Tunbridge, D McCaffrey, A Hopping. Coach: L Dove. Leading points scorers this season in Provincial Insurance Cup and Courage Clubs Championship: Richards, Syms and Hopping. Cup record: 22-4 v Old Pelhamians; 28-9 v Old Epsomians; 26-0 at Ventnor; 24-14 v Barnet; 15-3 v Hellingly; 12-7 v London Cornish; 11-0 v Gloucester CS Tigers.

BICESTER: C Nash; A Sibun, C Vinall, M Walker, A Wade; N Smith, S Cassidy; D Spencer, D Cassidy, R Greenhalgh, G Hopkins, D Clayton, R Jenkins, G Few, S Grater. Coaches: I McMillan and S Grater. Leading points scorer this season in Provincial Insurance Cup and Courage Clubs Championship: Smith, 67 and 65. Cup record: 52-9 v Marlborough; 48-0 at Calne; 21-0 at Milton Keynes; 15-10 v Wheatley; 12-9 v Brockworth; 18-7 at Greenwich; 12-7 at Hucclecote Old Boys.

HUGH ROUTLEDGE

Young Pokey, far side, jumps the last with Shannon Glen at Kempton yesterday. Young Pokey won by a neck

Pragada proves an embarrassment

By RICHARD EVANS

JOSH Gifford's ruddy complexion was a deeper hue than normal yesterday after Pragada discovered the knack of jumping fences and won the Rap-Eze Fruit Cup Novices' Chase at Kempton.

For while the second, third and fourth horses home are all entered for the Sun Alliance Chase at Cheltenham in 18 days' time, the Findon trainer did not bother to enter his eight-year-old novice for the big race.

Looking to the heavens with embarrassment, he said: "I didn't put him in because I didn't think he would be ready. He has not been jumping well enough. I obviously wish I'd entered him now."

Pragada, who won the Coral Golden Hurdle Final at the festival three seasons ago, may revert to the smaller obstacles again and go for the BonusPrint Stayers' Hurdle.

Declan Murphy was riding his second winner for Gifford since Richard Rowe announced his retirement earlier this week and his coolness and style will have impressed the trainer. No decision on a stable jockey to replace Rowe will be taken for a while.

"He's a damn good jockey, but there is no hurry about a replacement. We'll have to see. He might not accept if I did offer him the job. He will have a few rides and meet the owners, so they get to know him."

Three miles round the sharp, flat Sunbury track is very different from Cheltenham but Bonsai Bud, who finished 11 lengths behind Pragada in third place, may benefit most from a tougher test of stamina.

Cheltenham entries were in abundance and Another Coral's victory in the Portland Handicap Chase will have heartened David Nicholson, who is planning an 11-strong assualt on the festival. Yesterday's winner has three entries but is likely to be aimed at the Cathcart Challenge Cup Chase for second season novices.

Denis Gray, six times New Zealand amateur champion jockey, gave Lean Ar Aghaidh a fine ride in the Corinthian Hunters Chase and the 14-year-old former winner of the Whitbread Gold Cup is now on course for the Christies Foxhunter Chase at Cheltenham and the Seagram Fox Hunters' Chase at Aintree.

Young Pokey could easily have won three of his four races this season, having been beaten a head and a neck in two of his outings, but his consistency and battling qualities were rewarded in the EBF Novices' Hurdle when holding off the determined challenge of Shannon Glen by a neck.

Oliver Sherwood ruled out a vist to Cheltenham but may be tempted by Liverpool's flatter and easier track. "He will be a chaser next year and whatever we have done this year is a bonus."

Black Humour, backed down from 4-1 to 9-4, justified market confidence and hacked up by eight lengths in the closing Littleton Handicap Hurdle to pull off one of the biggest gambles of the season.

The Charlie Brooks-trained half-brother to Gaye Brief landed almost £200,000 worth of major bets.

The victory was also a reward for Peter Scudamore who had his leg broken by the hurdler when he fell and rolled over the champion jockey at Market Rasen last November. Black Humour will now go for the County Hurdle at the festival "provided the handicapper doesn't slaughter us," Brooks said.

Jinxy Jack impresses

JINXY Jack, trained by Gordon Richards, is 20-1 with Corals for the Champion Hurdle following his 20-length win from Past Glories in the Industrial Cleaners Morebattle Hurdle at Kelso yesterday.

However, his task was simplified by the absence of Jimmy Fitzgerald's Sybillin, who was withdrawn because of the heavy ground. Sybillin is now likely to go for the Fred Rimell Hurdle at Hereford a week today.

Minorettes Girl looks the pick of Punchestown card

FROM OUR IRISH RACING CORRESPONDENT, DUBLIN

PADDY Mullins, who has a splendid knack of exploiting jumping mares, believes that Minorettes Girl will follow in the tradition of previous stable stars such as Dawn Run and Grabel.

She is unbeaten in three runs over hurdles this season and looks the banker in the Ir£20,000 Irish National Hunt Novices' Hurdle at Punchestown today.

Tony Mullins, who has ridden her in her last two starts, has had to give up the mount today as he starts a ten-day suspension for excessive use of the whip.

Mickey Flynn, who partnered Minorettes Girl in her first win, a 15-length victory over Trimlough at Galway in October, steps in once again.

She already has the easy beating of Good Team and while the Mick O'Toole trained Fosbury is unbeaten in three runs on the Flat and over jumps he has yet to prove himself in this sort of company.

Dermot Weld has ambitions of winning the *Daily Express* Triumph Hurdle for the second year in a row and his candidate this time round is Cheering News. He had a rating of 100 on the Flat at the end of the season and won snugly over hurdles at Naas.

He clashes with six previous hurdle winners in the Jurys Hotel Group Hurdle but should justify short-priced favouritism.

On their previous running when involved in a three-way photo finish at Leopardstown with Garamycin, there is very little to choose between Toranfield and **Good For A Laugh** in the Diners Club Chase. Toranfield disappointed next time and Good For A Laugh may turn the tables.

Call Collect, a leading Grand National contender, reappears in the E Brennan Ltd National Trial, but may need the race. Cloney Grange, who sprang a 25-1 surprise in the race 12 months ago, has gone up a lot in the weights since and **Cushinstown** is preferred.

PUNCHESTOWN BBC1

Going: heavy

1.10 JURYS HOTEL GROUP HURDLE (4-Y-0: £5,520: 2m) (9 runners)

1	606	ELAGUSKA 20 (B,D,G) L Browne 10-10	J Hyde
2	41	CHEERING NEWS 28 (D,S) D Weld 10-9	B Sheridan
3	04218	KUMA CHAN 107 (D,S) T Regan 10-9	H Taylor (7)
4	1774	PORT TIME 31 (D) R Donoghue 10-9	C Swan
5	5311	SIMPLY SWIFT 10 (D,S) P Mullins 10-7	T Carmody
6	02222	KEPPOLS PRINCE 7 J Houghton 10-5	A Powell
7	6575	TELL A VISION 20 J Mulhern 10-5	K O'Brien
8	1643	CHELSEA NATIVE 10 (D,G) Mrs E Finn 10-4	Miss S Finn (5)
9	25	TOPPING OUT 28 A Redmond 10-0	J Lonergan (7)

8-11 Cheering News, 7-2 Simply Swift, 9-2 Keppols Prince, 8-1 Tell A Vision, 10-1 Topping Out, 12-1 Elaguska, 16-1 others.

1.40 DINERS CLUB CHASE (Listed race: £10,800: 2m 2f) (7)

1	FFP12	DOZING BULL 9 (BF,S) P Mullins 7-11-0	T Carmody
2	1231	GOOD FOR A LAUGH 31 (D,G,S) A Moore 7-11-0	T Taaffe
3	321-P	RENARD QUAY 9 (G) E Bolger 8-11-0	L Cusack
4	13SU	RIVER TARQUIN 8 (D,S) J Dreaper 7-11-0	K Morgan
5	775-4	SILENT JET 20 (C,F,S) M Dunne 10-11-0	H Rogers
6	3F422	TORANFIELD 28 (D,G,S) F Lennon 7-11-0	C O'Dwyer
7	20736	ORBIS 35 (CD,G) J Bolger 5-10-5	C Swan

7-4 Good For A Laugh, 5-2 Toranfield, 9-2 Dozing Bull, 6-1 Orbis, 8-1 River Tarquin, 16-1 others.

2.10 EDDIE BRENNAN LTD NATIONAL TRIAL (Handicap chase: listed race: £9,660: 3m 2f) (10)

1	1117-	CALL COLLECT 322 (D,F,S) C Memene 10-12-0	C Swan
2	2F1U	CUSHINSTOWN 20 (C,S) D McGrath 8-11-12	A O'Brien
3	FP-65	ANOTHER PLANO 20 (S) Mrs S Macken 10-11-9	—
4	20P1F	CLONEY GRANGE 20 (B,CD,F,S) J O'Connor 12-11-8	D O'Connor
5	22-6F	LANIGANS WINE 20 (C,S) V O'Brien 9-11-1	K Morgan
6	01U24	RAGGED RIVER 7 (C,S) M Hickey 9-11-1	A Powell
7	0546	ABBENOIR 34 (C,S) F Flood 9-11-0	C O'Dwyer
8	25P05	MONKSVILLE 9 (G,S) F Lennon 8-10-0	T Carmody
9	5F374	NEWTOWN GAZETTE 17 (B,S) T Walsh 8-9-7	B Sheridan
10	4231	WHAT A MISTAKE 9 (S) A Dunphy 8-9-7	W Slattery

3-1 Cushinstown, 4-1 Cloney Grange, 6-1 Call Collect, 7-1 Ragged River, 10-1 Abbenoir, Monksville, 12-1 Lanigans Wine, 16-1 others.

2.40 IRISH NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE (Listed race: £14,000: 2m 2f 110yd) (10)

1	12221	GOOD TEAM 21 (D,S) A Moore 6-11-10	T Taaffe
2	-3111	MINORETTES GIRL 56 (D,S) P Mullins 6-11-9	M Flynn
3	111	FOSBURY 146 (D,F,G,S) M O'Toole 6-11-8	J Banahan
4	54217	JOE'S A BOY 21 (C,S) D McDonogh 8-11-6	K Morgan
5	1-113	MORE OF IT 49 (BF,G,S) E O'Grady 6-11-6	C Swan
6	40F61	BUY A DREAM 28 (D,S) F Lennon 5-11-5	C O'Dwyer
7	5151	HOW'S THE BOSS 28 (C,S) J Brassil 5-11-3	J Titley
8	77604	PROVERB PRINCE 21 (D,F) P McCartan 7-11-2	C Bowens
9	15232	COCK COCKBURN 21 (G,S) J Queally 5-10-13	B Sheridan
10	31224	GLITTER GREY 7 (S) J Scott 5-10-12	P MacWilliams

11-8 Minorettes Girl, 3-1 More Of It, 5-1 Good Team, 7-1 How's The Boss, 8-1 Glitter Grey, 12-1 Cock Cockburn, Fosbury, 16-1 others.

Blinkin' Nora to lift Vale qualifier

THE TIMES Point-to-point Championship

By BRIAN BEEL

WONDER Willet has the best form in *The Times* Championship qualifier at the Vale of Clettwr point-to-point today. But, in four years of campaigning, he has not proved to be an early-season horse.

My preference is for Blinkin' Nora, who did little of note last season but ran well before coming to grief at the last when in contention at the Dart Vale last Saturday.

The North Hereford, with 84 entries, have split their qualifier. In division one, the best of those seen in 1990 are Prevada and Some Cash. However, a newcomer who commands respect Just Patrimony, a promising hurdler bought out of Oliver Sherwood's yard.

With Mountain Glen "about five days off being ready", and none of the newcomers making any appeal, the second division may be between Ruff Rider and Stanford Boy. My preference is for Ruff Rider, who only ran twice last season, being second on this course prior to winning a 17-runner maiden at Bredwardine.

The Mendip Farmers have received 288 entries — a record — and may have to split the ladies' open, adjacent and open after runners are declared, making a possible 11-race card.

An earlier start of 11.15 has resulted from a surfeit of entries at the **Cheshire Forest** where, like the Army, there is a Land Rover qualifier.

Mossy Moore looks set to complete a double in the ladies' open at the **West Percy** while Roving Glen could atone for his last fence fall on Monday if he turns out in the adjacent at the **Bolventor** where there is a 7.30 inspection.

The best bet at the **Waveney** may be Periscope in the ladies' open and Golden Shoon in the restricted.

TODAY'S MEETINGS: Army, Tweseldown, 3m W of Aldershot (first race 12.30); Bolventor, Lamalla, 6m SW of Launceston (1.0); Cheshire Forest, Paton Park, 2m N of Knutsford (11.15); Mendip Farmers, Nedge, 5m NE of Wells (12.30); North Hereford, Whitwick, 7m NE of Hereford (12.0); Vale of Clettwr, Erw Lon, 10m N of Carmarthen (12.0); Waveney Harriers, Higham, 7m NE of Colchester (12.0); West Percy, Alnwick, 3m E of town (1.0); Suffolk, Ampton, 4m N of Bury St Edmunds (12.30).

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS: OXFORD UNIVERSITY: Farmers: 1, Great Granny Smith (J Trice-Rolph, 4-1); 2, Sea Member; 3 Near Exchange. 9 ran. Rest I: 1, Rapidan River (A Hill, 3-1); 2, Bladon's Time; 3, Farmer's Toast. 9 ran. Rest II: 1, Kinsbourne Bay (L Lay, 2-1); 2, Unbeatable Tipp-Ex; 3, Legend King. 8 ran. Members: 1, Raffolds (I Balding, 7-2); 2, White Paper; 3, This Sunday. 8 ran. Open: 1, Plessey Bridge (G Johnson Houghton, 25-1); 2, Beech Grove; 3, My Major. 12 ran. Ladies: 1, Jimster (Mrs P Nash, 7-4 fav); 2, Tamoesaga; 3, Ruby Flame. 11 ran. Mdn I: 1, Sparc-A-Light (J Trice-Rolph, 5-2); 2, Madam Advocate; 3, Charlie Johnson. 14 ran. Mdn II: bxor (T Jones, 7-4 fav); 2, Credit Cut; 3, Kiln Copse. 17 ran.

Results from yesterday's three meetings

Kempton Park

Going: good (good to firm patches on chase course)

2.15 (2m hdle) 1, YOUNG POKEY (J Osborne, 11-4); 2, Shannon Glen (M Pitman, 3-1); 3, Khel L'Eglise (N Hawke, 33-1). ALSO RAN: 7-4 fav Hurricane Hugo (5th), 14 Country Member, Sunday Punch, 25 Ballyanto (6th), 33 Achill Island, Kindled's Clown, May-Day-Baby, Unshakeable (4th), 66 Plas-Hendy, Rube Riba, Red Scorpion, Triumphant Chief, Young Alfie. 16 ran. NR: Back From The Dead, Idleigh's Tudor. Nk, 12l, nk, 12l, 3l. O Sherwood at Upper Lambourn. Tote: £3.90; £1.30, £1.70, £6.60. DF: £8.90. CSF: £11.25.

2.45 (3m ch) 1, PRAGADA (D Murphy, 10-1); 2, Whats The Crack (B Dowling, 5-1); 3, Bonsai Bud (P Verling, 11-2). ALSO RAN: 2 fav Gold Cap (5th), 5-2 Southerly Buster (4th), 12 Senator Of Rome (6th), 20 Brief Encounter (pu), 25 Duckhaven (pu), 33 True Clown (pu), 100 Courageous Charger (pu). 10 ran. 6l, 6l, 3½l, 25l, ¾l. J Gifford at Findon. Tote: £9.10; £1.70, £2.00, £2.10. DF: £31.50. CSF: £57.56.

3.15 (3m hdle) 1, RIVERSIDE BOY (P Scudamore, 11-8 fav); 2, G W Superstar (R Dunwoody, 7-4); 3, Jamaica George (P Barnard, 25-1). ALSO RAN: 8 Ard T'Match (5th), 16 Polar Vision (6th), 20 Purple Point (4th), Field Gate Lucy, Rapid Ground, 25 Frosty Reception, 33 Louis Farrell, Solo Artist (pu), 50 Blakeington, Cuva, Mr Gee, Raglan Road, Touch Of Winter (pu), Silly Habit, The Quaker (pu). 16 ran. 3½l, 2l, 8l, 15l, 20l. M Pipe at Wellington. Tote: £2.00; £1.50, £1.70, £3.20. DF: £2.30. CSF: £4.43.

3.45 (2m 4f ch) 1, ANOTHER CORAL (R Dunwoody, 5-2 fav); 2, Comberliere (J Frost, 11-2); 3, Mou-Dafa (P Scudamore, 7-2). ALSO RAN: 9-2 Nodform (pu), 7 Deckled (f), 9 Imadyna (f), 20 I Like It A Lot (ur). 7 ran. 2l, dist. D Nicholson at Stow on the Wold. Tote: £3.10; £1.60, £3.00. DF: £9.70. CSF: £14.94.

4.15 (3m ch) 1, LEAN AR AGHAIDH (Mr D Gray, 11-4); 2, Certain Light (Mr P Hacking, 11-2); 3, Aherlow (Mr K Hollowell, 33-1). ALSO RAN: 9-4 fav Wellington Brown (4th), 7-2 Bolands Cross (5th), 20 Mishrif, Fifty Bucks (f), 25 Master Hardy (ur), 40 Mr Finnies, 50 King Of Diamonds, Little Duffy, 66 Grouse Moor (6th), Peach Leaf. 13 ran. 2½l, ¾l, 3½l, 6l, 20l. S Mellor at Swindon. Tote: £2.50; £1.60, £2.00, £2.70. DF: £8.90. CSF: £17.38.

4.45 (2m 4f hdle) 1, BLACK HUMOUR (P Scudamore, 9-4 fav); 2, Clifton Chapel (R Teague, 20-1); 3, Re-Release (D Richmond, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 11-2 Va Lute, 8 Celtic Barle (f), 9 Pearl Prospect, 10 Cythere (6th), 11 None So Wise (pu), 12 Olnistar, 14 Pipers Copse (4th), 20 Oubliler L'Ennui, Miramac (ur), 25 None Too Dear (ur), Rositary (5th), 33 Look Lively. 15 ran. 8l, 6l, 4l, 2½l, 1½l. C Brooks at Upper Lambourn. Tote: £3.60; £2.20, £3.10, £3.00. DF: £64.40. CSF: £47.46. Tricast: £380.01.

Jackpot: £10,853.10. Placepot: £54.20.

Kelso

Going: soft with heavy patches

2.0 (2m 6f hdle) 1, GRANARY GRAIN (P Niven, 11-4 fav); 2, Celtic Breeze (J Callaghan, 16-1); 3, Regal Estate (D J Moffatt, 3-1). ALSO RAN: 11-2 Unor (pu), 13-2 Gone Astray (6th), 8 Aston Again (pu), 14 Political Issue, 20 Smart Pal, 25 Whaat Fettle (5th), 66 Fast Recovery, Ginger Pink, Mothecombe (pu), 100 Cop For That (4th), 500 Brave The Storm (pu). 14 ran. Nk, 8l, 2l, 15l, 2l. J S Wilson at Ayr. Tote: £3.20; £2.20, £3.50, £1.10. DF: £30.00. CSF: £41.22. After a stewards' enquiry, placings stand.

2.30 (3m ch) 1, FORMULA ONE (N Williamson, 13-8 fav; Mandarin's nap); 2, Roy's Dream (C Hawkins, 20-1); 3, Pace's Boy (L Wyer, 20-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 Jesters Prospect (4th), 11-2 Farnworth (pu), 7 Buckby Folly (5th), 14 Bantel Buccaneer, 25 Pollibrig, 33 Sharp Opinion, Watersign (pu), 50 He Who Dares Wins, Marlefield (pu), 66 Hallo Fountain (6th), 100 Knowe Head, 500 Linlithgow Palace (pu). 15 ran. NR: Distant Cherry. 3l, 20l, 7l, 1l, 7l. J Edwards at Ross-on-Wye. Tote: £2.20; £2.10, £2.50, £4.70. DF: £78.10. CSF: £31.83.

3.0 (2m 2f hdle) 1, ABBOT OF FURNESS (N Doughty, 13-8 fav); 2, Vestal Hills (A Orkney, 20-1); 3, All Welcome (M Dwyer, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 2 Danny Connors (4th), 9 Hot Star, 12 Emeritus, 20 Glen Morvern (6th), Seagehaw Belle (5th), 33 Flash Of Realm (pu), Crosshot, 50 Military Secret, 100 Let's Move (pu), 200 Floater (pu), 500 National Velvet (pu), 1000 Abe My Boy (pu), Supermarine (pu). 16 ran. NR: Flowing River, Skiplam Wood. 12l, 15l, 1½l, 2l, 3½l. G Richards at Greystoke. Tote: £2.60; £1.20, £2.10, £5.60. DF: £23.10. CSF: £32.26.

3.30 (3m 4f ch) 1, HIGH EDGE GREY (Miss S Forster, 9-1); 2, Kilcone Abbey (Mr K Johnson, 10-1); 3, Wet Pet (Mr S Heslop, 200-1). ALSO RAN: 5-2 fav Jakope (pu), 4 Plenty Crack (ur), 13-2 Forest Ranger (6th), 7 Pampering, 11 Bob Tisdall (f), Joint Sovereignty, 16 Tartevie (5th), 33 Shepherd's Hymn (ur), 50 Reiver's Lad (4th). 12 ran. 30l, ½l, nk, 5l, 10l. K Oliver at Hawick. Tote: £4.90; £1.20, £4.30, £48.90. DF: £37.90. CSF: £87.58.

4.0 (2m hdle) 1, JINXY JACK (N Doughty, 8-11 fav); 2, Past Glories (J J Quinn, 7-2); 3, Kharif (J Callaghan, 11-4). ALSO RAN: 16 Casual Pass (4th), 50 Ellie On (su). 6 ran. NR: Sybillin, Laigh Boy. 20l, 20l, 30l. G Richards at Greystoke. Tote: £1.80; £1.50, £2.50. DF: £2.80. CSF: £3.81.

4.30 (3m ch) 1, ALLERYBAR (Mr J Grossick, 25-1); 2, Mystic Music (Mr K Anderson, 20-75 fav); 3, Straight Pilot (Mr S Swiers, 6-1). ALSO RAN: 14 Cannon Lad (4th), 20 Davbaton (pu), 50 Arry Opetul (pu), 66 Majestic Musk (5th). 7 ran. 25l, 25l, dist, 15l. R Kyle at Hawick. Tote: £14.60; £1.90, £1.40. DF: £6.10. CSF: £31.45.

5.0 (2m flat) 1, HAZLEWOOD GLEN (W Fry, 9-2); 2, Dagaz (Mr R Davis, 9-2); 3, Raith Hawes (N Leach, 5-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 fav Highland Rally (4th), 13-2 More Swag (5th), 15-2 Countorus (6th), 8 Ted's Future, 20 Possible Star, 25 Miss Jedd, 33 Macmurphy, Derry's Delight. 11 ran. 2l, 3½l, 25l, ½l, 12l. T Tate at Tadcaster. Tote: £9.80; £4.80, £1.90, £3.40. DF: £8.80. CSF: £26.15.

Placepot: £47.60.

Southwell

Going: standard

2.10 (7f) 1, Pesidanamich (Alex Greaves, 4-1); 2, Crystal Heights (5-4 fav); 3, Will He Or Wont He (11-4). 6 ran. ½l, 6l. T Barron. Tote: £7.00; £2.20, £1.60. DF: £4.00. CSF: £9.50.

2.40 (6f) 1, Haiky (Emma O'Gorman, 2-1 jt-fav); 2, On The Edge (5-1); 3, Ensharp (16-1). Super Benz 2-1 jt-fav. 6 ran. NR: Where's Carol. 4l, 1½l. W O'Gorman. Tote: £3.10; £2.10, £2.90. DF: £3.40. CSF: £11.73.

3.10 (6f) 1, Verro (N Carlisle, 14-1); 2, Aro Lamp (10-1); 3, Mossy Rose (5-1). Tophams 7-2 fav. 12 ran. ¾l, 1l. J Bennett. Tote: £50.00; £3.60, £1.80, £2.00. DF: £167.00. CSF: £143.20. Tricast: £741.72.

3.40 (1m) 1, Amenable (Alex Greaves, 7-4 fav); 2, Vite Vite (8-1); 3, Hand Painted (12-1). 17 ran. NR: Stealthy. 8l, 1l. T Barron. Tote: £3.80; £1.90, £1.90, £2.50. DF: £13.70. CSF: £19.62.

4.10 (7f) 1, Gavin Allen (Mick Denaro, 8-11 fav); 2, Wallangriff (14-1); 3, Faldo (25-1). 13 ran. ¾l, 1½l. C Allen. Tote: £1.80; £1.10, £2.90, £12.40. DF: £22.40. CSF: £14.17.

4.40 (1m 4f) 1, Cribella (N Carlisle, 7-2); 2, Taj Victory (11-2); 3, Mystery Band (3-1). Tympipy 2-1 fav. 7 ran. 8l, 1½l. P Calver. Tote: £8.50; £3.20, £1.60. DF: £19.20. CSF: £22.03.

Placepot: £466.40.

● Tyrone Williams will be retained by Wally Carter, the Epsom trainer, this year.

Hern team under orders for new era

By JACK WATERMAN

A NEW era began for Major Dick Hern yesterday when he was handed the keys of the £5 million Kingwood House complex at Lambourn.

Completed in only eight months, the stables are owned by Hern's principal patron, Sheikh Hamdan Al-Maktoum. "Without a shadow of doubt, it is one of the finest training establishments in the land," Hern said.

Pointing out that two Derby winners, Felsted and Windsor Lad, were prepared close by, Hern added: "As the French say, 'jamais deux sans trois'. I hope the third comes in my time at Kingwood."

To that end, for 1991, Hern has two main candidates: Bravefoot, the Dancing Brave colt owned by Lord Rotherwick, and Jahafil, by Rainbow Quest out of a Mill Reef mare, owned by Sheikh Hamdan.

Bravefoot has made a complete recovery after being nobbled last season. Like Jahafil, he has wintered well and will be aimed at one of the main Derby trials. By contrast, however, the stable has no Guineas prospects and is unlikely to have its first runners before April.

Although Hern and his wife, Sheilah, will continue to live at West Ilsley, the horses will start to move into their new quarters on Tuesday. About half the total of 68, of which 41 are two-year-olds, are owned by Sheikh Hamdan.

Following them on the 12-mile journey will be the stable staff and families from West Ilsley for whom smart new married quarters and hostels have been built.

The move has meant an upheaval in their lives following the controversy surrounding the decision that Hern was no longer to train at West Ilsley. But the trainer paid a warm tribute to his team and to Sheikh Hamdan for making it possible for them to remain together.

The new quarters are centred on two handsome 30-horse yards of traditional-style boxes with every modern facility. These lie next to the impressive 97-acre training grounds, which include two all-weather gallops, one of them U-shaped, and incorporating specially-designed gradients and turns.

Here, the Hern legend will undoubtedly continue and as he said: "It's an exciting time for the West Ilsley team."

Lingfield deal likely soon

LINGFIELD Park racecourse, on the market for more than a year, is likely to change hands soon. A spokesman for Cork Gully, the receivers acting for the Surrey course, said: "We're hopeful of closing a sale in the not too distant future."

Among the names linked with the possible purchase is Trevor Hemmings, chairman of the Chorley-based Pontins Group, who has horses in training with Stan Mellor.

● Lester Piggott has been given a last-minute ride in tomorrow's Hong Kong Derby on outsider Mastermind after Patrick Biancone reversed his midweek decision not to run the horse.

● Formula One, trained by John Edwards, is on course for the Sun Alliance Chase at Cheltenham next month after a decisive victory in the Bet With The Tote Novices' Chase at Kelso yesterday.

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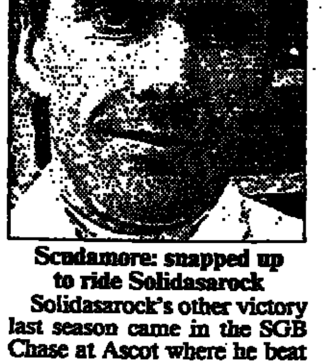
Solidasarock another Akehurst gem

By MANDARIN
(MICHAEL PHILLIPS)

HAVING already won the Jim Ford Challenge Cup at Wincanton on Thursday with Cool Ground, Reg Akehurst now has a good chance of ending the week on an even higher note by landing the more valuable *Racing Post* Handicap Chase at Kempton today with **Solidasarock**.

Richard Dunwoody was due to ride my selection until he was claimed yesterday by Nicky Henderson to partner Wont Be Gone Long. However, when Aquilifer dropped out at the overnight stage, Akehurst lost no time securing the services of Peter Scudamore.

Having won on the nine-year-old at Newbury last season, the champion jockey will know that he can expect another good ride, more especially since Solidasarock ran such a promising race at Ascot first time out this season when runner-up to Arctic Call.



Scudamore: snapped up to ride Solidasarock

Solidasarock's other victory last season came in the SGB Chase at Ascot where he beat Panto Prince by five lengths. While Panto Prince obviously has a chance of taking his revenge on 12lb better terms, I still prefer Solidasarock, who is a fresh horse with just one run under his belt this season.

Through Cool Ground, Akehurst has a good line on Docklands Express. Kim Bailey, the latter's trainer, also saddles this season's SGB Chase winner, Man O'Magic, but he appears to have plenty on his plate with top weight.

A few years ago, punters would have fallen over themselves in the rush to back Kildimo, even with 11st 8lb. But, even though he showed a glimmer of his old sparkle at Sandown last time when third to Desert Orchid and Nick The Brief, he has not won for a long time.

For Scudamore, Solidasarock could easily be the first leg of a double, to be completed half an hour later by **Yaheeb** in the Rendlesham Hurdle.

Earlier in the programme, Scudamore will have high hopes of also winning on both Granville Again and Trefelyn Cone for Martin Pipe but I marginally prefer **Bounden Duty** (2.0) and **Remittance Man** (3.35) in each instance.

For Dunwoody, Remittance Man could be the second leg of a double, initiated by Waterloo Boy in the Emblem Chase. Although he will not be as sharp today as he will be at Cheltenham next month when his principal objective is the Queen Mother Champion Chase, Waterloo Boy should still be forward enough.

Bottles, who easily accounted for this week's Warwick winner, Ostura, at Leicester first time out, is my idea of the likely winner of the Tote Placepot Hurdle.

For today's nap, though, I am looking to Stratford where **Last 'O' The Bunch** is taken to extend his unbeaten sequence over fences by winning the Richardsons Novices' Chase.

It is significant that Gordon Richards, whose base is so close to the Scottish borders, has chosen to send Last 'O' The Bunch south to the Warwickshire course instead of taking up his alternative option at Edinburgh where the Livingston Novices' Chase should now be won by **Bobbie Stack**, who had his last race on this track in his pocket when he fell at the last fence.

For Mark Dwyer, Bobbie Stack can be the middle leg of a treble, with **Rievaulx** (2.0) and **Arial Star** (5.0) his other likely winners.

Dwyer's three-timer could well be equalled by Peter Niven riding **Dalkey Sound** (3.0), **Tulum** (3.30) and **Maudlins Cross** (4.0) for Mary Reveley.

● Formula One (13-8) was a sixth successive winning nap for Mandarin (Michael Phillips) yesterday.

Racing next week

MONDAY: Doncaster, **Lingfield Park**, Leicester, **Southwell**.
TUESDAY: **Lingfield Park**, Nottingham.
WEDNESDAY: Wetherby, Worcester, Plumpton, **Southwell**.
THURSDAY: **Lingfield Park**, Ludlow.
FRIDAY: Newbury, Haydock Park, **Southwell**.
SATURDAY: Newbury, Haydock Park, Hereford, Market Rasen, **Lingfield Park**.

Flat meetings in bold

KEMPTON PARK

Selections

By Mandarin
2.00 Bounden Duty.
2.30 Waterloo Boy.
3.00 Bottles.
3.35 Remittance Man.
4.10 Solidasarock.
4.40 Yaheeb.
5.50 Hawthorn Blaze.

By Thunderer
2.00 Strong Beau.
2.30 Waterloo Boy.
3.00 Bottles.
3.35 FILE CONCORD (nap).
4.10 Panto Prince.
4.40 Yaheeb.
5.50 Hawthorn Blaze.

By Michael Seely
2.00 Bounden Duty. 3.35 Remittance Man. 4.10 SOLIDASAROCK (nap).

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.30 WATERLOO BOY.

Going: good (good to firm patches on chase course) **SIS**

2.0 DOVECOTE NOVICES HURDLE (Grade II: £7,095: 2m) (14 runners)

101 242-11 GAASID 59 (CD,F,G) (Sir Eric Parker) R Akehurst 6-11-10 C Llewellyn 98
102 2-13123 VICEROY JESTER 29 (D,F,S) (F Broom) R Hoder 6-11-10 N Mann 89
103 4-0R111 STRONG BEAU 54 (D,G,S) (Mrs J Mould) D Nicholson 5-11-7 R Dunwoody 98
104 P BLAZING TOUCH 42 (B) (T Panting) C Brooks 5-11-3 B de Haan —
105 5U-11 BOUNDEN DUTY 100 (D,F,G) (Mrs J Sifton) G Harwood 5-11-3 M Perrett ● 99
106 CHECKPOINT CHARLIE 119F (Mrs T Eustace) J Eustace 6-11-3 S McNeill —
107 00/2-4 COBO BAY 23 (Mrs E Hitchins) Mrs J Pitman 6-11-3 M Pitman 78
108 3-14U5 FIGHTING WORDS 28 (BF,G) (Pall-mall Partners) J Gifford 5-11-3 D Murphy 86
109 112-211 GRANVILLE AGAIN 25 (D,F,G,S) (E Scarth) M Pipe 5-11-3 P Scudamore 90
110 0 JOSEPH 42 (P Simpson) Miss H Knight 7-11-3 B Dowling —
111 P0 LAABAS 21 (J Nicholson) J Long 6-11-3 R Rowell —
112 0 NICKSLINE 42 (M Pinto) J Gifford 5-11-3 E McKinley —
113 5- SALAR'S SPIRIT 368 (Mrs A Keene) C Elsey 5-11-3 M Richards —
114 4/22- YEOMAN METRO 445 (Mrs H Alwen) J Gifford 7-11-3 M Lawrence 78

BETTING: 7-4 Bounden Duty, 3-1 Gaasid, 5-1 Granville Again, 8-1 Fighting Words, 10-1 Strong Beau, Viceroy Jester, Yeoman Metro, 12-1 others.

1990: STRATFORD PONDS 5-11-1 J Osborne (4-1) O Sherwood 19 ran

FORM FOCUS GAASID beat New York Rainbow 10l over course and distance. Previously led from 2 out to beat Peace King 8l in grade II hurdle at Ascot (2m, good to firm).
VICEROY JESTER 20¾l 3rd to Ruling in grade II hurdle at Doncaster (2m 150yd, good). Ridden out to beat Granvillewaterford ¾l in a handicap hurdle at Sandown (2m, good to soft). STRONG BEAU got up in closing stages to beat Dusty Miller ½l at Cheltenham (2m, good to soft). BOUNDEN DUTY 25l winner from Welsh Commander in a handicap hurdle at Towcester (2m, good). COBO BAY 14l 4th to Dusty Miller at Towcester (2m, good). FIGHTING WORDS 38l 8th to Sabaid River in a handicap hurdle at Cheltenham (2m, good). Previously beat Ferrystream 10l at Devon (2m 1f, good). GRANVILLE AGAIN beat Turoldus 8l at Leicester (2m, soft). Previously beat Sailors Luck 12l at Wolverhampton (2m, good to soft). YEOMAN METRO running-on 2l 2nd to Minnehoma at Fontwell (2m 6f, good to firm).
Selection: GAASID

2.30 EMBLEM CHASE (£5,182: 2m) (4 runners)

201 24-U231 WATERLOO BOY 58 (CD,F,G,S) (M Deeley) D Nicholson 8-11-10 R Dunwoody ● 99
202 111-111 MASTER RAJH 49 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs P Gieno) J Chugg 7-11-4 M Lynch 84
203 243121 KNOCKBRACK 44 (D,F,G,S) (G Holmes) G Ham 11-11-0 B Powell 76
204 254-415 THE A TRAIN 28 (CD,G,S) (M Coenraets) Mrs J Pitman 9-11-0 M Pitman 79

BETTING: 4-6 Waterloo Boy, 2-1 Master Rajh, 6-1 The A Train, 8-1 Knockbrack.

1990: THE A TRAIN 8-11-11 M Bowlby (Evens fav) Mrs J Pitman 5 ran

FORM FOCUS WATERLOO BOY 15l winner from Young Snugfit in grade I Castleford Chase at Wetherby (2m 50yd, soft). MASTER RAJH driven out to beat Star's Delight ¾l in a handicap chase at Sandown (2m 18yd, good to soft), with THE A TRAIN (1lb worse off) 21l 4th. Beat Priscillian (rec 23lb) 20l in a handicap chase at Hereford (2m, good) in December. KNOCKBRACK beat Tom Caxton 15l in a handicap chase at Wincanton (2m, good). Previously running-on ½l 2nd to Star's Delight at Newbury (2m 160yd, good). THE A TRAIN beat Infinity Rules 1½l in 3-runner handicap chase at Ascot (2m, good to soft).
Selection: WATERLOO BOY

3.0 TOTE PLACEPOT HURDLE (Grade II: 4-Y-O: £12,748: 2m) (7 runners)

301 611141 CORNWALL PRINCE 4 (CD,F,S) (N Callaghan) N Callaghan 11-2 D Murphy 94
302 912111 SILKEN FAN 28 (CD,F,G) (Heath-End Racing Syndicate) P Hedger 11-2 M Richards 95
303 1 BELAFONTE 32 (D,S) (B Tregurtha) R Hoder 10-12 N Mann 97
304 1 BOTTLES 33 (D,S) (Bottles Restaurant Sherringham) G Holler 10-12 S Smith Eccles ● 99
305 312242 MARLINGFORD 21 (D,S) (J Law) Mrs J Jordan 10-12 D Morris 96
306 0944 ALBURY GREY 49 (BF) (Albury Racing Ltd) R Curtis 10-7 R Goldstein 86
307 82 SILVIE 81 (Kingsley Holidays Ltd) J Baker 10-7 S Burrough 87

BETTING: 15-8 Bottles, 100-30 Silken Fan, 4-1 Belafonte, 8-1 Silvie, 10-1 Cornwall Prince, Marlingford, 20-1 Albury Grey.

1990: PHILOSOPHOS 11-0 W McFarland (33-1) J Baker 11 ran

FORM FOCUS CORNWALL PRINCE just held on to beat Bifocal a short-head at Huntingdon (2m 100yd, good to soft). Earlier beat Reve De Valse 3½l at Haydock (2m, soft).
SILKEN FAN beat Native Mission ¾l at Doncaster (2m 150yd, good). Earlier 1½l 2nd to Oh So Risky in grade II novice hurdle at Lingfield (2m, good), with CORNWALL PRINCE (same terms) 11l 4th. BELAFONTE beat Oxbow 3½l at Chepstow (2m, soft), with a further Bifocal 2½l 3rd. BOTTLES beat Ostura 15l at Leicester (2m, soft). MARLINGFORD 15l 2nd to Olympian at Sandown (2m, good). Previously 19¾l 4th to Hopscotch at Cheltenham (2m, good). SILVIE 4l 2nd to Kino at Leicester (2m, good to soft). Previously 25¼l 8th to Crystal Spirit at Newbury (2m 100yd, good to firm).
Selection: SILKEN FAN

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
G Harwood	3	6	50.0	N Mann	3	8	37.5
C Brooks	6	29	20.7	R Dunwoody	25	126	19.8
C Popham	4	20	20.0	M Pitman	5	27	18.5
Mrs J Pitman	13	66	19.7	M Perrett	9	60	15.0
P Hedger	4	22	18.2	P Scudamore	19	130	14.6
D Elsworth	19	114	16.7	S Smith Eccles	8	61	13.1

(Not including yesterday's results)

3.35 GALLOWAY BRAES NOVICES CHASE (Grade II: £10,210: 2m 4f) (9 runners)

401 22-1111 REMITTANCE MAN 58 (CD,F,G,S) (J Collins) N Henderson 7-11-7 R Dunwoody ● 99
402 8-3543U AMRULLAH 26 (V) (T Thorn) J Bridger 11-11-3 G Moore 80
403 3-810 BIGNOR HILL 42 (D,F) (M Pinto) J Gifford 6-11-3 E McKinley —
404 83/11-1 FILE CONCORD 35 (D,G,S) (Jet Stationery Company Ltd) Mrs J Pitman 7-11-3 M Pitman 89
405 0-111F3 GEOSTAR 28 (D,F,G) (W Morgan) J Leigh 7-11-3 Gary Lyons 82
406 124/5-36 MAN ON THE LINE 40 (D,F,G) (L Randall) R Akehurst 8-11-3 G Bradley —
407 2F-8151 MONUMENTAL LAD 30 (G,S) (T Parrott) Mrs H Parrott 8-11-3 R Bellamy 87
408 1-3F11F REPEAT THE DOSE 21 (D,BF,F,S) (A Watts) T Etherington 6-11-3 B Powell 92
409 11112-1 TREFELYN CONE 33 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs J Watts) M Pipe 7-10-12 P Scudamore 96

BETTING: 2-1 Trefelyn Cone, 9-4 Remittance Man, 9-2 Repeat The Dose, 7-1 Geostar, 15-2 Monumental Lad, 8-1 File Concord, 12-1 others.

1990: COMBERMERE 6-11-4 J Frost (4-7 fav) R Frost 3 ran

FORM FOCUS REMITTANCE MAN beat Calapaez 12l over course and distance (good to soft), with AMRULLAH (8lb worse off) distance last of 3. Previously beat Money Street 8l in grade II race at Ascot (2m 4f, good to firm). BIGNOR HILL 45l 8th to Secret Four in novice hurdle at Ascot (2m 4f, soft).
FILE CONCORD beat All Afloat 10l at Warwick (2m 4f, soft). GEOSTAR 10¾l 3rd to Farmer's In at Doncaster (2m 4f, soft). Earlier beat Vulrory's Clown 4l in a handicap chase at Market Rasen (2m 1f, good to firm). MONUMENTAL LAD beat Hope End 20l in a handicap chase at Huntingdon (2m 200yd, good). REPEAT THE DOSE fell 13th behind Tildarg at Sandown (2m 4f 68yd, good). Previously beat Dare Say 20l same course and distance (good to soft) and Formula One 8l at Uttoxeter (2m 4f, soft). TREFELYN CONE beat Suckoy Folly 30l at Leicester (2m 4f, good to soft).
Selection: REMITTANCE MAN

4.10 RACING POST HANDICAP CHASE (Grade III: £28,740: 3m) (9 runners)

501 131-891 MAN O'MAGIC 78 (B,D,F,G,S) (J Greig) K Bailey 10-11-10 M Perrett 87
502 F0-2443 KILDIMO 21 (D,F,G,S) (Lady Harris) G Moore 11-11-8 R Strange 93
503 114P13 PANTO PRINCE 28 (CD,F,G,S) (Mrs L Warren) C Popham 10-11-8 B Powell 92
504 82PF/8F- GAINSAY 322 (B,CD,G,S) (E Brown) Mrs J Pitman 12-11-2 M Pitman —
505 F1358-2 SOLIDASAROCK 43 (D,F,G,S) (L Randall) R Akehurst 9-10-10 P Scudamore 91
506 6-3P335 CUDDY DALE 30 (C,D,F,G,S) (G Hubbard) F Murphy 8-10-8 D Murphy 88
507 11-2123 DOCKLANDS EXPRESS 28 (D,BF,F,G,S) (R Baines) K Bailey 9-10-7 A Tory ● 99
508 184P14- WONT BE GONE LONG 301 (D,F,G) (R Waley-Cohen) N Henderson 9-10-6 R Dunwoody 88
509 284-535 BALLYHANE 42 (D,F,G,S) (H Joel) J Gifford 10-10-1 M Richards 86

BETTING: 5-2 Solidasarock, 11-4 Docklands Express, 5-1 Kildimo, 8-1 Man O'Magic, Wont Be Gone Long, 10-1 Cuddy Dale, Panto Prince, 33-1 others.

1990: DESERT ORCHID 11-12-3 R Dunwoody (8-11 fav) D Elsworth 8 ran

FORM FOCUS MAN O'MAGIC beat Karakter Reference 2l at Ascot (3m, good to firm).
KILDIMO running-on 2½l 3rd to Desert Orchid at Sandown (3m 118yd, good). PANTO PRINCE one-paced 10¾l 3rd to Loddon Lad at Cheltenham (2m 4f, good). Previously made all to beat Okdoma II 2¼l at Wincanton (2m 5f, good). SOLIDASAROCK 7l 2nd to Arctic Call at Ascot (3m, good to soft). CUDDY DALE has been disappointing since 3¾l 3rd to Pegwell Bay at Huntingdon (2m 4f, good) in November, with PANTO PRINCE (5lb worse off) 3¾l 4th. DOCKLANDS EXPRESS 5l 3rd to Dalkey Sound at Doncaster (3m 122yd, good). WONT BE GONE LONG 12l 4th to Mr Frisk in last season's Whitbread Gold Cup at Sandown (3m 5f 18yd, firm), with KILDIMO (5lb better off) 13l 7th.
Selection: PANTO PRINCE

4.40 RENDLESHAM HURDLE (Grade II: £10,210: 3m) (10 runners)

601 349-183 FLOYD 53 (C,F,G,S) (M Walsh) D Elsworth 11-11-12 G Bradley 97
602 21F-F24 RYDE AGAIN 54 (D,F,S) (Mrs K Hayward) P Cundell 8-11-12 R Strange 94
603 /12F/0 BUCKSKIN'S BEST 21 (S) (D Holder) R Dickin 9-11-5 R Dunwoody —
604 248x0F/ INTUITION 728 (S) (A Spence) R Akehurst 9-11-5 M Perrett —
605 1P2/84R SAFFRON LORD 58 (D,F,G,S) (J Holmes) J Gifford 9-11-5 D Murphy —
606 RF1226 SONNY HILL LAD 31 (D,F,G,S) (P Dening) R Holder 8-11-5 N Mann 85
607 R3165-1 THE ILLYWHACKER 53 (B,G,S) (J Hickman) Mrs J Pitman 6-11-5 M Pitman 78
608 3/4142-3 VICTORY GATE 35 (B,G) (Mrs P Doolan) A Moore 6-11-5 G Moore 73
609 2P01/02 YAHEEB 21 (C,G,S) (Mrs A Fawcett) M W Easterby 7-11-5 P Scudamore 98
610 51/215-P MRS MUCK 28 (D,G,S) (N Twiston-Davies) N Twiston-Davies 10-11-4 C Llewellyn ● 99

BETTING: 9-4 Yaheeb, 9-2 Floyd, 6-1 The Illywhacker, 15-2 Mrs Muck, 8-1 Sonny Hill Lad, Victory Gate, 10-1 Ryde Again, 12-1 others.

1990: OLD DUNDALK 5-11-3 M Bowlby (33-1) D Murray Smith 7 ran

FORM FOCUS FLOYD running-on 6l 3rd to Royal Derbi at Windsor (2m 30yd, good), and won grade I Long Walk Hurdle at Ascot (3m 2f, good to firm) by 3l from RYDE AGAIN (same terms) on reappearance in December.
RYDE AGAIN 28l 4th to Bradbury Star at Cheltenham (2m 4f, good to soft). SAFFRON LORD is was a useful hurdler who showed retention of ability when 20l 4th to Celtic Shot on penultimate start in Haydock chase (3m, good to soft). THE ILLYWHACKER beat Marques Cafe 8l in a handicap at Windsor (2m 6f, good). VICTORY GATE 12¼l 3rd to Light Dancer in a handicap here (2m 4f, good). YAHEEB headed close home when ¾l 2nd to Rouyan in a valuable grade III handicap at Sandown (2m 5f 75yd, good). BUCKSKIN'S BEST (6lb worse off) 38l 11th. MRS MUCK tailed-off when pulled up on reappearance behind Crystal Spirit at Cheltenham (2m 4f, good). Beat Trapper John 12l at Haydock (3m, soft) last season.
Selection: MRS MUCK

5.5 KEMPTON NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (£2,101: 2m) (22 runners)

1 13 DERRING VALLEY 29 (D,S) (A King) A Jones 5-12-3 N Thomas (7) —
2 1 HAWTHORN BLAZE 29 (D,G) (C Smith) D Elsworth 5-12-3 A Procter (7) —
3 CHEF'S SPECIAL (T Ball) T Casey 5-11-10 J McCarthy (7) —
4 FORT DIANA (C Poore) J Gifford 5-11-10 G Rowe (7) —
5 FREDDY OWEN (R Owen) C Roach 5-11-10 S Hodgson (7) —
6 RESIGNATION DAY (M Barlow) D Nicholson 5-11-10 Mr G Morrow (7) —
7 ROCKY PARK (Mrs M Gealos) C Roach 5-11-10 S Foster (7) —
8 SPIKEY (S Powell) J Jenkins 5-11-10 M Ahern (3) —
9 THE COMMUNICATOR (Princely Radio Systems) C Tinkler 5-11-10 D Poole (7) —
10 TRAVADO (Mrs M Ennever) N Henderson 5-11-10 J Kavanagh (3) —
11 TRAVAIL TEMPORAIRE (Travail Ltd) N Twiston-Davies 5-11-10 R Bellamy (3) —
12 BELMOREVIXEN (Mrs A Hartnett) M Francis 5-11-5 A S Smith (5) —
13 DOLLY OATS (Mrs M Eckley) R Eckley 5-11-5 M Courtney (7) —
14 WINNIE LORRAINE (R Fry) J Old 5-11-5 P Davies (7) —
15 CAPTAIN HOSTE (G Stickland) G Stickland 4-11-0 Mr S Stickland —
16 COUNTY CONTRACTOR (R Heathman Ltd) C Popham 4-11-0 S Donohoe (7) —
17 FAST THOUGHTS (D Gandolfo) D Gandolfo 4-11-0 P Harris (3) —
18 GETAWAY BLAKE (J Chaney) T Jones 4-11-0 Mr C Burnett Wells (7) —
19 HIGH STREET BLUES (J Fox) J Fox 4-11-0 S Fox (7) —
20 MISTER MISTRAL (Mrs M Fuller) Miss B Sanders 4-11-0 J Halls (7) —
21 OCTOBER PARKER (B Seal) Mrs L Clay 4-11-0 D Madgwick (7) —
22 NEW PROBLEM (Mrs R Manning) R Manning 4-10-9 D Matthews (7) —

BETTING: Evens Hawthorn Blaze, 5-1 Derring Valley, 8-1 Resignation Day, Travado, 10-1 Fort Diana, Spikey, 12-1 others.

1990: RULING 4-10-9 N Mann (6-1) R Holder 22 ran

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1 113143 GOOD TIMES 13 (BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 12-0 B West (7) 88

Racecard number. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing; F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

DONCASTER

Selections

By Mandarin
2.15 Intrepid Lass.
2.45 Military Honour.
3.20 Travel Over.
3.50 Kings Fountain.
4.25 My Young Man.
4.55 Royal Estimate.

By Thunderer
2.15 Jodami.
2.45 Cnoc An Oir.
3.20 Ace Of Spies.
3.50 Kings Fountain.
4.25 Johnny's Slipper.
4.55 Royal Estimate.

Going: good **SIS**

2.15 AMBOROUGH HEAD NOVICES HURDLE (£2,596: 2m 4f) (16 runners)

1 152-12 JODAMI 21 (BF,G,S) (J Yeadon) P Beaumont 6-11-12 P A Farrell ● 99
2 0360-6 ASARGAR 44 (P Baswick) Mrs G Jones 5-11-6 R Beggan 78
3 00R CHIP'N'RUN 24 (B Gee) B Gee 5-11-6 S J O'Neill —
4 03P FAR GLOW 42 (Mrs A Taylor (Co Durham)) A Stringer 5-11-6 J J Quinn 79
5 23-55 GOLDEN FARE 24 (J Hancorn) R Lee 6-11-6 J Shortt 86
6 FF5-0P4 HOLT PLACE 4 (E Sawn) N Smith 6-11-6 W Irvine —
7 0-0484 KING OF STEEL 43 (Johnson Structures Ltd) D Topley 5-11-6 J O'Gorman (3) 77
8 P08P KOLINSKY 8F (R Papworth) M Chapman 5-11-6 W Worthington 81
9 00 MR TAYLOR 23 (I Forbes) H Collingridge 6-11-6 V Smith 78
10 F454-00 PROCURATOR 21 (D Jefferson) D Moffatt 6-11-6 D J Moffatt (7) 94
11 P/P0-P SONIC LORD 23 (B Gee) B Gee 6-11-6 Mr P Gee —
12 0P/P- STEEL PROGRESS 380 (Mrs A Broad) C Broad 6-11-6 W Marston (7) —
13 P4/P3 YOUNG BENJAMIN 54 (Mrs J Duke) T Kersey 6-11-6 Susan Kersey —
14 354/0P DARING TO GO 24 (M Proudfoot) Miss J Eaton 6-11-1 Gay Lyons —
15 34-50 FLYING FAITH 32 (Baroness Harner of Alford) Mrs G Jones 6-11-1 Mr C Farrell (7) 78
16 32 INTREPID LASS 57 (P Deal) H Candy 4-10-4 J Osborne 96

BETTING: 10-11 Jodami, 4-1 Golden Fare, 9-2 Intrepid Lass, 10-1 Far Glow, 12-1 Asargar, 14-1 King Of Steel, 16-1 Mr Taylor, 20-1 Flying Faith, 40-1 others.

1990: REMITTANCE MAN 6-11-6 P Harley (6-4 fav) N Henderson 18 ran

2.45 LIGHT INFANTRY PLATE (Handicap Hurdle: £3,210: 3m 122yd) (10 runners)

1 242335 BROCTUNE GREY 21 (D,F,S) (D Playforth) Mrs G Reveley 7-12-0 R Hodge (7) 96
2 182145 THARSIS 28 (D,G) (D Drury) W Bentley 8-12-0 L Wyer 98
3 11-0220 RU VALENTINO 42 (D,F) (Mrs S Jones) J Edwards 7-11-8 N Williamson 96
4 20/000 GILT BRONZE 21 (S) (M Banks) M Banks 7-11-3 D Skyrme (3) —
5 33852/P- MANDALAY PRINCE 476 (H Rushworth) T Kersey 7-11-2 Susan Kersey —
6 0P/010-1 MILITARY HONOUR 58 (G) (D Heron Cox) M W Easterby 6-11-0 R Marley ● 99
7 21x/0P-5 QUESSARD 8F (C,F,G) (F Lee) F Lee 7-10-12 C Hawkins —
8 2-61310 CNOC AN OIR 42 (D,G) (M Jones) C Broad 7-10-10 W Marston (7) 93
9 04-0254 THAMESDOWN TOOTSIE 30 (S) (J O'Donovan) A Jones 8-10-1 D Byrne 94
10 P0140 HINARI SUNRISE 29 (CD,F) (J Cowan) J Mackie 5-10-0 B McGrath (5) 92

Long handicap: Hinari Sunrise 9-6.

BETTING: 3-1 Broctune Grey, 7-2 Cnoc An Oir, 9-2 Ru Valentino, Military Honour, 6-1 Tharsis, 14-1 Quessard, 16-1 Thamesdown Tootsie, 33-1 others.

1990: ROYAL CHARGE 9-10-3 M Bastard (12-1) D Wellicome 13 ran

3.20 GRIMTHORPE HANDICAP CHASE (£4,235: 3m 2f) (6 runners)

1 100-P1P JELUPE 1 (BF,D,F,G,S) (R Sandys-Clarke) R Sandys-Clarke 9-12-0 NON-RUNNER 91
2 405-U41 TRAVEL OVER 34 (C,G,S) (Mrs C Feaver) R Lee 10-11-8 J Shortt 96
3 14-0662 ACE OF SPIES 35 (B,F,G,S) (Sporting Circle Racing) Mrs G Jones 10-11-6 Mr C Farrell (7) ● 99
4 03PP-0P HARLEY 22 (G,S) (Miss J Eaton) Miss J Eaton 11-11-6 Gay Lyons —
5 5FP31-P GLENSIDE JERRY 23 (V,F,G,S) (O Jones) G Balding 11-11-5 J Frost 92
6 203-11F MIRAGE DAY 22 (D,BF,G,S) (M Snone) J Edwards 8-11-2 N Williamson 92

BETTING: 5-2 Mirage Day, 3-1 Travel Over, Ace Of Spies, 6-1 Glenside Jerry, 10-1 Harley.

1990: DAMERS CAVALRY 7-11-0 B Dowling (5-4 fav) R Lee 6 ran

3.50 FRENCHGATE CENTRE NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (£3,184: 2m 4f) (9 runners)

1 180-133 D'OR'S GEM 22 (D,F,G) (South Cheshire Ltd) P Bevan 8-11-10 M Brennan 96
2 2-P2512 HEY RAWLEY 29 (G,S) (C Buckley) Mrs G Reveley 8-11-8 Mr M Buckley (7) 95
3 34-08F0 PARSONS LAW 21 (F,G) (P Brooks) J Edwards 8-11-3 N Williamson —
4 46/30F1 KINGS FOUNTAIN 23 (G) (E Banks) K Bailey 8-11-1 I Lawrence ● 99
5 34-0P08 RUSTY LAW 23 (S) (M Banks) M Banks 9-11-1 D Skyrme (3) 81
6 831-5 PATS MINSTREL 31 (G) (K Hunt) R Champion 6-10-13 T Grantham 83
7 66R-01 MAROUAT 47 (Lady Joseph) C Brooks 6-10-6 J Osborne —
8 02831-5 STEPFASTER 22 (G) (W Stephenson) W A Stephenson 6-10-6 Mr K Johnson —
9 0-P24F6 LYNEMGEM 29 (S) (R White) M Chapman 5-10-5 W Worthington 80

BETTING: 15-8 Kings Fountain, 7-2 Marouat, 4-1 Hey Rawley, 5-1 D'Or's Gem, 7-1 Parsons Law, 8-1 Pats Minstrel, 14-1 Stepfaster, 33-1 others.

1990: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

4.25 ILKLEY MOOR NOVICES CHASE (£2,695: 2m 150yd) (6 runners)

1 1110-1U MY YOUNG MAN 35 (D,BF,F,G) (Mrs W Tulloch) C Brooks 6-11-10 J Osborne ● 99
2 3-08212 UP-A-POINT 29 (D,F,S) (D Hoot) F Lee 6-11-10 C Hawkins 89
3 1123/1-2 BLAKES SON 109 (F) (G Shooter) M W Easterby 8-11-4 R Marley 79
4 /3/P550 ICHI BAN SON 21 (S) (B Kilpatrick) A Smith 7-11-4 S Turner 58
5 2 JOHNNY'S SLIPPER 91 (P Pearl) W A Stephenson 6-11-4 Mr K Johnson 97
6 88F5/6 WHEATLEY LAD 29 (D Edmunds) D Edmunds 8-11-4 D Shaw —

BETTING: 4-5 My Young Man, 7-2 Johnny's Slipper, 4-1 Up-A-Point, 8-1 Blakes Son, 12-1 Ichi Ban Son, 25-1 Wheatley Lad.

1990: BOUTZDAROFF 8-11-10 M Dwyer (8-11 fav) Jimmy Fitzgerald 10 ran

4.55 SOUTH YORKSHIRE NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,763: 2m 150yd) (10 runners)

1 2-35121 ROYAL ESTIMATE 28 (B,D,G,S) (J Abell) M W Easterby 5-11-10 R Marley 91
2 1/83-545 FOR HEAVEN'S BAKE 29 (B,F,G) (K Bell) C Broad 6-10-11 D Tegg 97
3 0/PFP01 EQUINOCTIAL 94 (S) (N Miller) N Miller 6-10-8 A Haywood (7) 91
4 85080-3 EMERALD GEM 29 (R Marshall) O Brennan 5-10-0 M Brennan 92
5 00/032- BEAU NASH 29F (Mrs R Cowman) A Stringer 7-10-0 J J Quinn 87
6 00/6-60 BARGE BOY 21 (C House) J Old 7-10-0 J Osborne ● 99
7 8P/0500 ALI-MAR-HEL 49 (B) (Mrs M Dixon) J Jefferson 7-10-0 B Oakes (7) 89
8 0820 RACECALL GOLD CARD 87 (J Cowan) A Potts 4-10-0 B McGrath (5) 91
9 6P4/8 SILVERWALTZ 91 (N Power) A Stringer 5-10-0 D Byrne 83
10 0080/P NICOLENE'S HOPE 24 (S Gallagher) C Broad 9-10-0 J Shortt —

Long handicap: Emerald Gem 9-13, Beau Nash 9-8, Barge Boy 9-5, Al-Mar-Hel 9-4, Racecall Gold Card 9-4, Silverwaltz 9-1, Nicolene's Hope 8-11.

BETTING: 5-4 Royal Estimate, 13-8 For Heaven's Sake, 8-1 Emerald Gem, 10-1 Equinoctial, 14-1 Barge Boy, 16-1 Beau Nash, 66-1 others.

1990: LOS BUCCANEROS 7-10-10 Mr G Upton (6-1) S Christian 15 ran

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
R Lee	6	16	37.5	R Marley	4	28	14.3
K Bailey	5	18	27.8	S Turner	3	23	13.0
J Edwards	10	44	22.7	D Byrne	3	27	11.1
F Lee	4	19	21.1				
Mrs G Reveley	7	37	18.9				
O Brennan	6	34	17.6				

(Only qualifiers)

STRATFORD

Selections

By Mandarin
2.15 Quentin Durwood. 2.45 J R Jones. 3.15 Over The Road. 3.45 LAST 'O' THE BUNCH (nap). 4.15 Run And Skip. 4.45 Duncan Idaho.

By Thunderer
2.15 Quentin Durwood. 2.45 Weareagrandmother. 3.15 Abba Lad. 3.45 Knockennis. 4.15 Sanballat. 4.45 Taberna Lord.

Brian Beel's selection: 4.15 Sanballat.

Going: good to soft (soft in places)

2.15 CHERINGTON NOVICES HURDLE (£2,211: 2m) (17 runners)

1 3-11 HOPEFUL ALDA 69 (D,S) Mrs A King 6-12-0 T Morgan
2 1 QUENTIN DURWOOD 30 (D,S) Mrs J Pitman 5-11-12 M Bowlby
3 ANOTHER DETAIL W J Smith 5-11-5 W McFarland
4 P BRAVE BEN 79 W Mann 6-11-5 T Wall
5 6000 CROSSOFSPANCILHILL 59 C Tinkler 5-11-5 S Earle
6 0 EROSTINS SWAN 113 J Upson 5-11-5 R Supple
7 50 GREENHILL RAFFLES 83 P Hobbs 5-11-5 C Maude (3)
8 /5/ HIGHLANE LAD 726 T Donnelly 7-11-5 C Kellett
9 60-0 LUCKACTIVE 167 G Jones 5-11-5 R Hyett
10 0 MAJOR LEAGUE 37 Miss H Knight 5-11-5 J Duggan
11 0- NEVER EVER 322 T Price 6-11-5 G Upton (3)
12 00-0 PYRO PENNANT 30 D Wintle 6-11-5 —
13 P SIXASH STAR 31 D Burchell 5-11-5 D J Burchell
14 66 THE HALF WIT 24 J Bosley 5-11-5 M Bosley
15 CALL ME DAISY J McConnochie 5-11-0 J Railton
16 /PP SECOND HAND 7 (B) J Pilkington 7-11-0 R Guest
17 TOP RHYTHM R Eckley 7-11-0 D Gallagher

BETTING: 2-5 Quentin Durwood, 4-1 Hopeful Alda, 10-1 Major League, 16-1 Celtic Sunlight, 20-1 others.

2.45 LUDDINGTON FOUR-YEAR-OLD CLAIMING HURDLE (£2,041: 2m) (13)

1 0 DRAGONS NEST 21 T Casey 11-5 P Verling (3)
2 P RAW TALENT 8F J Jenkins 11-5 T Morgan
3 0 SHELTER 21 J Price 11-5 —
4 P0 GOADBY VENTURE 79 Miss S Wilton 11-4 S Davies (3)
5 BOX OFFICE 7F J Baker 11-1 W McFarland
6 606 OUR VISION 28 (B) R Holder 11-1 E Byrne
7 26PP HARLEQUIN LAD 32 (B) K Cunningham-Brown 11-0 R Guest
8 P BOXING MATCH 133 R Eckley 10-11 D Gallagher
9 2303 J R JONES 25 (D,G) D Burchell 10-11 D J Burchell
10 1311 LADY REMAINDER 25 (D,S) Mrs J Ramsden 10-11 J Twomey (7)
11 0 MISTRESS MONET 21 Mrs A Knight 10-10 G Knight
12 3614 WEAREAGRANDMOTHER 31 (D,S) B McMahon 10-10 T Wall
13 60 SILVER SHIFTER 79 Mrs A Knight 10-6 W Knox

7-4 Lady Remainder, 3-1 Weareagrandmother, 7-2 J R Jones, 5-1 Mistress Monet, 8-1 Harlequin Lad, 12-1 others.

3.15 BIDFORD HANDICAP CHASE (£3,155: 2m 6f) (12 runners)

1 1245 OVER THE ROAD 72 (G,S) J Upson 10-11-13 R Supple
2 2/0 ABBA LAD 35 (B,G,S) Mrs J Pitman 9-11-5 M Bowlby
3 4434 ELITE BOY 31 (F) M Oliver 9-10-10 J Railton
4 6606 ANOTHER CORNER 23 (B,D,F,G,S) T Donnelly 8-10-3 C Kellett
5 /3P NODALOTTE 58 (F,S) Mrs H Parrott 11-10-0 Gee Armytage
6 4166 MOE GREENE 24 (D,F,G,S) J McConnochie 11-10-0 G Upton (3)
7 0515 SHOTINGO 35 (B,G,S) W Sheedy 11-10-0 R Guest
8 /60 OUT OF STOCK 23 (S) R Hodges 8-10-0 J Eade
9 3032 BEE GARDEN 36 (B,C,G,S) P Bailey 10-10-0 C Maude (3)
10 P04P POP SONG 114 (S) G Roe 7-10-0 —
11 2226 NUMERATE 58 (D,F,G,S) P Davis 12-10-0 —
12 -05P ABLE SAILOR 40 (G,S) C Smith 11-10-0 Mr M Ranger (7)

9-4 Over The Road, 3-1 Abba Lad, 5-1 Moe Greene, 6-1 Elite Boy, 7-1 Nodalotte, 10-1 Another Corner, 12-1 others.

3.45 RICHARDSONS NOVICES CHASE (£4,494: 2m) (11)

1 01R2 BLUE BOURBON 35 (D,S) R Holder 7-10-12 E Byrne
2 5/P BRANDON PIER 22 (F) T Casey 8-10-12 J White
3 11F2 DEERNESS SPOOK 98 (D,BF,F) T Thomson Jones 8-10-12 P Barnard (3)
4 00P- IS REG IN 337 Miss E Sneyd 7-10-12 S Earle
5 4P-0 JUST PERKINS 31 K White 8-10-12 A O'Hagan
6 KELLY'S BLOOM D Bloor 9-10-12 —
7 4F31 KNOCKENNIS 21 (CD,F,G) R Lee 8-10-12 W McFarland
8 -111 LAST 'O' THE BUNCH 54 (D,F,G,S) G Richards 7-10-12 N Doughty
9 R6-2 ROXALL CLUMP 30 P Bailey 7-10-12 J Railton
10 -12U CINNAMON RUN 35 (D,G,S) N Gaselee 7-10-7 A Adams
11 P5/ CLEO LADY 847 W Mann 8-10-7 T Wall

6-4 Last O' The Bunch, 11-4 Cinnamon Run, 7-2 Deerness Spook, 8-1 Knockennis, 10-1 Blue Bourbon, 20-1 others.

4.15 GAY SHEPPARD MEMORIAL CHALLENGE TROPHY (Hunter chase: amateurs: £1,980. 3m 2f) (11)

1 14-1 SANBALLAT 21 (C,F,G,S) D Nicholson 9-12-10 J Weatherby (7)
2 /43- ADVENTURES 288 R Elwell 11-12-0 R Elwell (7)
3 2PP- ARDESEE 308 (D,G,S) D Windle 11-12-0 J Windle (7)
4 2F-2 CLONROCHE GAZETTE 22 (S) H Wheeler 11-12-0 H Wheeler (7)
5 P/ FAME THE SPUR 1018 (F,G,S) J House 13-12-0 T Jenks (7)
6 U0P- JOLIE GAZELLE 322 (B) P Davis 9-12-0 L Brown (7)
7 /42- RUN AND SKIP 448 (D,F,S) J Spearing 13-12-0 M Armytage
8 3P-U SWINHOE CROFT 22 (B,S) G Greaves 9-12-0 J Purslowl (7)
9 45/ TAKEAFENCE 975 (B,F,G,S) J George 13-12-0 —
10 P/ THE DISCO DAGO 1169 (G,S) Mrs P Joynes 13-12-0 S Joynes (7)
11 /12- GIBRALTAR GIRL 329 (F) J Bailey 10-11-9 M Wellings (7)

6-4 Run And Skip, 9-4 Sanballat, 7-2 Gibraltar Girl, 7-1 Adventures, 10-1 Swinhoe Croft, 12-1 others.

4.45 SWAN HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,915: 2m 6f) (20)

1 1010 VIRIDIAN 38 (D,F,G,S) Mrs A King 6-12-0 T Morgan
2 1302 NICK THE DREAMER 28 (F,S) W G M Turner 8-11-9 H Davies
3 543- ESHA NESS 423 (G,S) Mrs J Pitman 8-11-9 M Bowlby
4 3234 LAPIAFFE 38 (D,F,G) R Hodges 7-11-8 S Earle
5 21-P VAGOG 30 (B,D,F,G,S) M Pipe 6-11-7 M Foster (7)
6 444- SEA TROUT 334 Miss J Horwood 7-11-7 V Slattery (7)
7 6-30 TABERNA LORD 24 (D,G,S) A J Wilson 10-11-6 B Dowling
8 -000 GREAT SAILING 42 (B,G,S) F Jordan 6-11-5 J Ledder (3)
9 51/F COME ON GRACIE 53 (F,G,S) S Cole 10-11-3 —
10 0151 DUNCAN IDAHO 33 (G,S) R Callow 8-11-2 M A Fitzgerald (7)
11 U4/0 MR OPTIMIST 24 (S) Miss T White 10-11-2 S McNeill
12 11/5 FREEMANTLE 32 (G,S) P Hobbs 8-10-13 C Maude (3)
13 -FFP HIGHLAND TREAT 31 (F,G,S) J Edwards 7-10-8 M Allen (7)
14 60-0 DAPPING 59 (G,S) A James 7-10-7 E Tierney (7)
15 1-P0 ENCHANTED MAN 31 (F,S) D Burchell 7-10-4 D J Burchell
16 0-60 SULCIS 22F (G) R Hollinshead 6-10-3 Mr S Wynne (7)
17 3-00 SHARP KING 42 (F,G) K Morgan 8-10-2 R Supple
18 4033 GRACE MOORE 30 (F) K Bishop 7-10-0 N Hawke
19 P0U5 SHAN'S CHOICE 30 (F,S) C Popham 8-10-0 R Mooney
20 /P0 TANDERAGEE 42 (S) R Lee 10-10-0 W McFarland

5-1 Freemantle, 6-1 Vagog, 7-1 Duncan Idaho, 8-1 Esha Ness, Taberna Lord, 10-1 Viridian, Lapiaffe, 12-1 others.

Course specialists

TRAINERS: G Richards, 8 winners from 21 runners, 38.1%; J Edwards, 16 from 61, 26.2%; J Baker, 3 from 13, 23.1%; Mrs J Pitman, 14 from 61, 23.0%; M Pipe, 20 from 92, 21.7%; D Burchell, 8 from 40, 20.0%.

JOCKEYS: N Doughty, 5 winners from 9 rides, 55.6%; T Morgan, 10 from 28, 35.5%; J Duggan, 7 from 24, 29.2%; D J Burchell, 5 from 26, 19.2%; J White, 11 from 58, 19.0%; J Railton, 4 from 24, 16.7%.

EDINBURGH

Selections

By Mandarin
2.0 Rievaulx. 2.30 Bobbie Stack. 3.0 Dalkey Sound. 3.30 Tulum. 4.0 Maudlins Cross. 4.30 Kaleidos. 5.0 Arial Star.

By Thunderer
2.0 Facility Letter. 2.30 Cornet. 3.0 Dalkey Sound. 3.30 Valiant Dash. 4.0 Simple Pleasure. 4.30 General Pershing. 5.0 Arial Star.

Going: good

2.0 PORT SETON MAIDEN HURDLE (Div I: £1,949: 2m) (13)

1 0 FINDOGLEN 22 K Oliver 5-11-5 G Thomson (7)
2 0 FIVE FELLOWS 60 G Richards 5-11-5 N Doughty
3 3F2 RIEVAULX 31 Jimmy Fitzgerald 5-11-5 M Dwyer
4 0050 SILVER HELLO 3 M W Easterby 5-11-5 C Grant
5 000 ZAM BEE 22 W Reed 5-11-5 T Reed
6 RP HOOTS MON 23 Mrs D Thomson 8-11-0 Mr D Mactaggart (7)
7 5/0- JUST PRETEND 669 V Thompson 7-11-0 R Garritty
8 40 MARCHING STAR 54 J Haldane 5-11-0 P Niven
9 0-00 SKIPLAM WOOD 3 D Lee 5-11-0 L O'Hara (3)
10 5 FACILITY LETTER 65 G Moore 4-10-9 J Callaghan (3)
11 53 KEY DEAR 43 Mrs S Bradburne 4-10-9 Mr J Bradburne
12 LORD MAGESTER 129F J Johnson 4-10-9 B Storey
13 5 SEXY MOVER 28 W Storey 4-10-9 K Doolan

4-6 Rievaulx, 6-1 Facility Letter, 8-1 Sexy Mover, 12-1 Key Dear, 16-1 Lord Magester, 25-1 others.

2.30 LIVINGSTON NOVICES CHASE (£2,695: 2m 4f) (7)

1 311F BOBBIE STACK 23 (CD,F,G) J J O'Neill 7-11-13 M Dwyer
2 435- KIRSTY'S BOY 416 (G,S) J S Wilson 8-11-5 B Storey
3 P-U2 WAYSIDE 23 V Thompson 9-11-5 R Garritty
4 0/0 CASTLE BRAE 17 M Johnson 9-11-0 A Orkney
5 PP- LUCY'S BRIG 439 T Dun 7-11-0 T Reed
6 STARA ZAGORA Mrs S Taylor 8-11-0 G Harker
7 4321 CORNET 23 (V,CD,G,S) Denys Smith 5-10-13 C Grant

4-5 Cornet, 13-8 Bobbie Stack, 10-1 Wayside, 14-1 Kirsty's Boy, 33-1 Castle Brae, 50-1 Stara Zagora.

3.0 KILMANY CUP HANDICAP CHASE (£2,950: 2m 4f) (5)

1 /202 JIM THORPE 42 (D,F,G,S) G Richards 10-11-10 M Moloney (5)
2 11U1 DALKEY SOUND 28 (D,F,G,S) Mrs G Reveley 8-11-4 P Niven
3 21-5 LACIDAR 66 (D,F,G,S) J Johnson 11-11-2 T Reed
4 0F50 MISTER POINT 26 (CD,G,S) N Tinkler 9-10-11 G McCourt
5 -6PP RAVEN VENTURE 87 (V,CD,F,G,S) D Lee 11-10-0 G Harker

11-10 Dalkey Sound, 3-1 Jim Thorpe, 4-1 Lacidar, 9-2 Mister Point, 50-1 Raven Venture.

3.30 LONGNIDDRY CLAIMING HURDLE (£1,856: 3m) (11)

1 2811 VALIANT DASH 43 (C,F,G,S) S Kettlewell 5-12-0 C Quinn (7)
2 /0-6 PHOTINIA 42 (C,F,G) T Fairhurst 6-11-7 F Perratt (7)
3 1253 SECRET FINALE 25 (CD,F,G,S) J Fort 12-11-4 G McCourt
4 3463 SUKAAB 26 G Richards 5-11-3 —
5 5212 HA'PENNY NAP 17 (CD,BF,F,G,S) A Harrison 13-11-2 F Murtagh (7)
6 3625 PALANQUIN 3 (B) W Reed 9-11-0 T Reed
7 -101 TULUM 28 (G,S) Mrs G Reveley 6-11-0 P Niven
8 444- BEECHWOOD SAILOR 301 P Spottiswood 10-10-8 B Storey
9 6/P- OUR HERO 514 W Storey 8-10-7 K Doolan
10 3000 BELLEPHERON 67 (F) W Storey 8-10-5 A Carroll
11 52P2 SHONK 63 (F) G Moore 8-10-5 M Dwyer

9-4 Valiant Dash, 3-1 Tulum, 9-2 Ha'penny Nap, 5-1 Shonk, 8-1 Palanquin, 12-1 Sukaab, 16-1 Secret Finale, 25-1 others.

4.0 HADDINGTON NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (£2,467: 2m) (7)

1 23F2 EDBERG 21 (CF,G,S) J Johnson 7-12-0 A Orkney
2 4122 MASTER SALESMAN 23 (CD,F,G) F Walton 8-11-9 B Storey
3 2121 MAUDLINS CROSS 28 (CD,G) Mrs G Reveley 8-11-9 P Niven
4 F344 J J JIMMY 26 (D,BF,F,G,S) B Ellison 7-11-4 M Dwyer
5 0PP1 CONTACT KELVIN 28 (D,G,S) N Bycroft 9-10-7 F Murtagh (7)
6 4611 SIMPLE PLEASURE 53 (C,D,G,S) Mrs M Stirk 6-10-7 Mr S Swiers
7 50-U JELBLEND 43 V Thompson 9-10-1 R Garritty

7-4 Maudlins Cross, 100-30 Simple Pleasure, 5-1 Master Salesman, 6-1 Edberg, 8-1 J J Jimmy, 12-1 others.

4.30 LINLITHGOW HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,158: 2m) (8)

1 3111 LOGAMIMO 17 (CD,F,G) J Hellens 5-11-10 A Orkney
2 425- GENERAL PERSHING 364 (D,S) G Richards 5-11-4 M Moloney (5)
3 2-5F CORN LILY 28 (D,BF,F) Mrs G Reveley 5-10-8 P Niven
4 2151 KALEIDOS 22 (D,F,S) N Tinkler 4-10-3 G McCourt
5 280P STAY AWAKE 51 (D,BF,F,G,S) J J O'Neill 5-10-2 M Dwyer
6 /301 TREYARNON 87 (D,G,S) P Monteith 9-10-0 L O'Hara (3)
7 /853 SALACITY 53 (D,G) G Moore 7-10-0 J Callaghan (3)
8 10-P NANCY ARDROSS 22 (D) J Haldane 5-10-0 A Merrigan

11-4 Kaleidos, 3-1 General Pershing, Logamimo, 6-1 Corn Lily, 8-1 Treyarnon, 14-1 Salacity, 16-1 others.

5.0 PORT SETON MAIDEN HURDLE (Div II: £1,933: 2m) (12)

1 BALLY JAMES DUFF 914F Miss Z Green 6-11-5 T Reed
2 2- BRIGADIER BILL 24F Mrs G Reveley 6-11-5 P Niven
3 P000 MALPIERO 21 P Monteith 7-11-5 L O'Hara (3)
4 143 PORTAVOGIE 23 (D,S) C Parker 7-11-5 B Storey
5 00 SILK DEGREES 26 W Storey 5-11-5 A Carroll
6 -0U0 STAR OATS 3 G Richards 5-11-5 M Moloney (5)
7 PPP0 ZARBANO 22 R Lamb 5-11-5 N Smith (5)
8 0P8P BLUEBELL TRACK 23 (B) V Thompson 5-11-0 R Garritty
9 63/ LEVEN LASS 959 K Linton 7-11-0 A Linton (7)
10 0-P LOTHIAN ROSE 94 W Crawford 5-11-0 G McCourt
11 U2 ARIAL STAR 22 Jimmy Fitzgerald 4-10-9 M Dwyer
12 FORBIDDEN CITY 233F F Jestin 4-10-9 N Leech (7)

4-9 Arial Star, 7-1 Portavogie, 8-1 Brigadier Bill, 12-1 Silk Degrees, 20-1 Star Oats, 33-1 others.

Course specialists

TRAINERS: N Tinkler, 9 from 29, 31.0%; Jimmy Fitzgerald, 14 from 53, 26.4%; J Johnson, 4 from 18, 22.2%, Denys Smith, 10 from 46, 21.7%; Mr G Reveley, 14 from 65, 21.5%; G Moore, 8 from 51, 15.6%.

JOCKEYS: G McCourt, 13 winners from 36 rides, 36.1%; M Dwyer, 19 from 58, 32.8%; P Niven, 24 from 95, 25.3%; A Orkney, 6 from 26, 23.1%; C Grant, 12 from 53, 22.6%; J Callaghan, 4 from 29, 13.8%. L

● Extra races to compensate for meetings lost during the cold spell may start as early as next weekend following a meeting between the Jockey Club and the Levy Board yesterday. Races most likely to be added are novice hurdles with big entries which will be divided at the overnight stage.

LINGFIELD PARK

Selections

By Mandarin
2.25 Kanooz. 2.55 Carrolls Marc. 3.25 Double Entendre. 3.55 Patcon. 4.25 Old Hubert. 4.55 Lady Philippa.

By Thunderer
2.25 Winoski. 2.55 Cunning Plan. 3.25 Double Entendre. 3.55 Patcon. 4.25 Boulevard Girl. 4.55 Lady Philippa.

Going: standard **SIS**

Draw: 5f-1m, low numbers favoured

2.25 DURLSTON HEAD MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,477: 1m 2f) (8 runners)

1 -663 BLAZING FEN 22 Mrs N Macauley 9-0 Alex Greaves (3) 8
2 0-00 CHINA SKY 8 C Allen 9-0 Mick Denaro (7) 3
3 04-2 KANOOZ 83 (BF) M Prescott 9-0 G Duffield 7
4 00-2 NEEDHAM LAD 29 P Kelleway 9-0 C Rutter 5
5 02-0 TWILIGHT FLAME 32 M Channon 9-0 J Williams 2
6 04 WINOSKI 32 C Britain 9-0 B Doyle (7) 6
7 5-23 BARNES PET 8 M Tompkins 8-9 R Hills 4
8 24-6 QUEEN OF DREAMS 32 J Scargill 8-9 A Munro 1

6-4 Kanooz, 7-2 Needham Lad, 6-1 Barnes Pet, 8-1 Queen Of Dreams, 10-1 Blazing Fen, 12-1 others.

2.55 HURST POINT CLAIMING STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,629: 1m) (11)

1 020- MISTER SAYERS 159 P Mitchell 8-13 S O'Gorman (5) 10
2 31-2 CARROLLS MARC 43 M Tompkins 8-11 R Hills 1
3 5-22 TOM'S PROSPECT 22 (BF) C Nelson 8-11 Paul Eddery 7
4 00- DOROTHEUM 110 M Muggeridge 8-9 J Williams 3
5 -344 GRECIAN REBEL 29 M Bell 8-9 J J O'Dwyer (7) 4
6 0 HUSH KATIE 8 J Pearce 8-8 A Liggins (7) 6
7 -460 TELLMEABOUTIT 7 (B) Mrs N Macauley 8-7 N Adams 5
8 3133 CUNNING PLAN 22 (B) T Barron 8-6 Alex Greaves (3) 8
9 0-0 KEEP IN TRIM 7 D Morris 8-4 S Dawson 11
10 3-15 PAINT THE LILY 9 (D,BF) D Jermy 8-4 A Munro 2
11 0-5 MY LIFE'S AMBITION 4 P Haslam 8-3 G Duffield 9

5-2 Cunning Plan, 3-1 Carrolls Marc, 4-1 Tom's Prospect, 6-1 Paint The Lily, 8-1 Tellmeaboutit, 10-1 others.

Course specialists

TRAINERS: B Hills, 11 winners from 28 runners 39.2%; M Prescott, 7 from 22, 31.8%; J Akehurst, 3 from 12, 25.0%; T Barron, 4 from 19, 21.1%; M Johnston, 5 fro 26, 19.2%; J Jenkins, 7 from 42, 16.7%.

JOCKEYS: Emma O'Gorman, 8 winners from 26 rides, 30.8%; K Rutter, 4 from 15, 26.7%; S O'Gorman, 12 from 53, 22.6% (Only Qualifiers).

● The Queen's filly Church Missionary finished fourth at Cagnes yesterday, beaten two-and-a-half lengths by Bal Star in the Prix de la Madeleine.

3.25 EDDYSTONE HANDICAP (£4,308: 1m) (11)

1 -210 VANROY 4 (V,CD,F,G,S) J Jenkins 7-10-0 J Williams 7
2 -210 PYTCHLEY NIGHT 35 (CD) D Morris 4-8-8 S Davies (7) 4
3 000- DAWN SUCCESS 119 (F,G,S) C Britain 5-9-7 B Doyle (7) 5
4 43-4 MERSEYSIDE MAN 32 (CD,F) J Scargill 5-8-12 K Rutter (7) 3
5 1-43 YOUNG SHADOWFAX 8 (F) C Allen 4-8-11 Mick Denaro (7) 2
6 6-11 PREDICTABLE 29 (D,G) Mrs A Knight 5-8-6 Alex Greaves (3) 6
7 1555 BEECHWOOD COTTAGE 4 (B,CD,F,G,S) A Bailey 8-8-3 A Bates (7) 10
8 6-43 FOOLISH TOUCH 18 (V,F,G,S) W Musson 9-7-13 A Mackay 11
9 00-1 DOUBLE ENTENDRE 21 (C,D,F,G,S) J Akehurst 5-7-13 S O'Gorman (5) 8
10 -844 WINDSOR PARK 7 (C,G) R O'Sullivan 5-7-12 D Biggs (5) 9
11 3054 ELEGANT ROSE 10 (B,C,G) O O'Neill 5-7-7 Emma O'Gorman (7) 1

3-1 Predictable, 4-1 Vanroy, 5-1 Double Entendre, Young Shadowfax, Windsor Park, 7-1 Foolish Touch, 10-1 others.

3.55 NEEDLES HANDICAP (£2,718: 5f) (5)

1 /221 PATCON 10 (D,F,S) T Barron 6-10-0 Alex Greaves (3) 3
2 5335 MAID WELCOME 7 (B,D,F) Mrs N Macauley 4-8-10 Emma O'Gorman (5) 4
3 -354 HINARI VIDEO 10 (CD,G,S) M Johnston 6-8-7 R P Elliott 1
4 -135 EVER SO ARTISTIC 7 (B,CD) P Howling 4-8-0 C Rutter 2
5 8834 HALVOYA 7 (CD,F,G) J Spearing 6-8-12 Ron Hillis (3) 5

6-4 Patcon, 7-2 Ever So Artistic, 9-2 Maid Welcome, 5-1 Hinari Video, 8-1 Halvoya.

4.25 BISHOP'S ROCK HANDICAP (£2,988. 2m) (12)

1 51-3 BOULEVARD GIRL 42 (CD,F,G,S) C Booth 6-10-0 P Johnson (7) 8
2 10-4 OLD HUBERT 29 (B,D,F,G,S) A Bailey 10-9-2 B Doyle (7) 2
3 36-0 XHAI 7 (B,F,S) R Simpson 9-9-0 A Tucker (7) 11
4 030- CLOS DU BOIS 2J Mrs N Macauley 5-8-8 Alex Greaves (3) 4
5 30-0 EXHAUST MAN 9J (CD,F,S) Miss B Sanders 7-8-13 W Newnes 6
6 88/0 ALARM CALL 32 (G,S) N Kernick 8-8-11 R Street 5
7 305- INDIAN FLUTE 115 W Musson 4-8-8 A Mackay 10
8 /20- SOMAR 330 P Mitchell 5-8-5 S O'Gorman (5) 7
9 0-60 LISA ROSA 35 W Musson 4-7-12 N Adams 12
10 00-2 BURSANA 7 (G) J Spearing 5-7-11 A Munro 1
11 00-0 BY FAR 35 O O'Neill 5-7-8 S Dawson 9
12 00-0 MISS UPSHIRE 28 D Long 4-7-7 N Kennedy (5) 3

7-2 Boulevard Girl, 4-1 Bursana, 5-1 Old Hubert, 6-1 Clos Du Bois, 7-1 Exhaust Man, 8-1 Xhai, 10-1 others.

4.55 DUNGENESS POINT HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £2,499: 1m 2f) (9)

1 2-11 LADY PHILIPPA 7 (C) B Hills 9-7 Dean McKeown 5
2 0-32 SOLID STEEL 10 Mrs L Piggott 8-10 B Crossley 7
3 0-21 CLASSIC ACCOUNT 32 (CD) C Wildman 8-10 N Adams 1
4 060- LYPHAR DANCER 129 P Haslam 8-8 N Kennedy (5) 6
5 51 OLD SPECKLED HEN 7 (C) M Fetherston-Godley 8-5 W Ryan 3
6 -028 GABBY HAYES 18 P Mitchell 8-4 S O'Gorman (5) 9
7 00-0 CORPORATE TYPE 18 O Chapman 8-0 A Munro 4
8 00-3 JUST READY 18 M Prescott 7-13 G Duffield 2
9 00-2 MING COURT 7 S Dow 7-7 T Williams 8

2-1 Lady Philippa, 3-1 Just Ready, 4-1 Classic Account, 6-1 Solid Steel, 8-1 Ming Court, Old Speckled Hen, 12-1 others.

ATHLETICS

Passey forced to pass up chance of proving fitness

By DAVID POWELL, ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT

ADRIAN Passey, one of the few British successes at the world cross-country championships last year, has been refused permission to run in the English national at Stopsley Park, Luton, today. He thus misses a chance to show whether he is fit to be selected for this year's team.

While the British Amateur Athletic Board (BAAB) says everything should be secondary to finding the best squad, the English Cross Country Union (ECCU) says there is nothing so important as its rules.

Passey popped up from nowhere last March to win the British trial and was his team's second finisher behind Richard Nerurkar in the world championship. He had been planning to repeat the strategy. But when the trial was cancelled because of snow, Passey's plans went down the pan and the ECCU has pulled the flush.

He saw no need to enter the national. Cross-country is run in all weathers; but the snow stopped athletes from getting there. Bud Baldaro, the national coach, wanted a new date on February 16; the United Kingdom commission wanted March 9. The BAAB, the final voice, wanted selection without trial and that is what the commission is stuck with when it meets tomorrow.

David Denton, the UK commission and ECCU chairman, denies that Passey and others refused late entry to the national, are victims of in-fighting. "The secretary of the ECCU spoke to every member of the executive and, by an overwhelming majority, it was recommended that the rules stay as they are. We felt it might alter the race unduly. That is the reason. It was not a fit of pique," he said.

Passey is piqued, though. "I rang round most of the ECCU committee," he said. "I could not believe the stubbornness and short-sightedness I came up against. I think what has happened is that the ECCU have had their backs put up about the trial and have said 'This is our national'. You would have thought that, in a race of 2,000, an extra 15 runners would have made no difference."

Denton said that Passey would still be considered. If he is picked it will be without evidence of form; if he is not, the team may be weaker as a result. The only way of knowing would have been to let him run today.

The BAAB said last week, after overruling the commission, that the priority was to find the best team. That is not the first subject for discussion by the commission tomorrow. "The first item on the agenda will be considering a response to the BAAB," Denton said.

For most athletes, the national is the focal point of the season. Andy Bristow's decision not to run — he has done enough already for selection — eases only slightly the task of a successful defence by Nerurkar. Paul Dugdale, Martin McLoughlin, Steve Binns, Colin Moore, Steve Tunstall and Chris Robison are his most likely challengers.

The national is to cross-country what Wimbledon was to tennis in 1973 when the top players boycotted: more important for what it is than who is competing. Like Wimbledon then, those not competing today would form a stronger team than those who are. Eamonn Martin, John Nuttall, Dave Clarke, Passey and Bristow are on the outside looking in.

COMMONWEALTH GAMES

Board talks on dates

THE 13-man executive board of the Commonwealth Games Federation will today discuss the problem of British athletes being unable to compete in the 1994 event because the European championships finish only four days before the Games begin in Victoria, Canada, on August 18 (John Goodbody writes).

David Dixon, secretary of the federation, said it was hoped that the matter would be solved by the time of the federation's general assembly in Malta in April. He said: "This is a very important issue and has far-reaching effects on the Games. We have had a useful meeting with British athletics officials and a lot of other people have to be consulted."

The absence of British athletes would be a blow because their races against the Kenyans would be considered the most attractive for television.

Bowlers set a seductive rhythm

PETER LOMAS

Bowling along: Ian Schuback, of Australia, on the way to victory over Tony Allcock and a place in the final of the world indoor championships at Preston yesterday

LAURA THOMPSON

One summer afternoon in my university college gardens, I was asked to play a game of bowls.

I choke with panic whenever I am called on to perform a competitive sporting activity: in this I include the throwing and catching of a frisbee. What I love about sport is the fact that I do not play it. I am the consummate observer, who views, through a spotless but impregnable window, all the consummate practitioners. It is a perfect relationship, a story of courtly love. I do not want to destroy the mystique of sport by half-bridging the ineffable chasm between spectator and participant.

Also, let us be honest, I do not want to destroy my own mystique by revealing the Norman Wisdom-style ineptitude that I bring to almost all sporting activity. I am at my most convincingly athletic when in possession of the aforementioned frisbee. I was at my worst when handling a bowl. Indeed, it was after the summer afternoon in the college gardens that I formulated my theory of the impregnable window and the ineffable chasm.

Smoking the while, like David Bryant, I stood at one end of the lawn and took aim. I had no notion that the bowl would do other than tumble tamely out of my hand and amble amiably along the grass toward some foreseeable future. Not so. The bowl lobbed itself into the air, ricocheted off a tuft of turf and began a series of eccentric, stuttering bounces toward a rose bush that was at that time being nurtured by a solicitous gardener.

Obediently, the bowl rolled to his feet. He picked it up and examined it like a slow-minded cartoon character who has not seen that the round black thing he is holding is attached to a trail of dynamite. I disappeared in a cloud of smoke. To this day, that gardener does not know who bowled that bowl.

I do not believe that it was necessary to roll my rose-bush bowl in order to appreciate the skill evinced by the proper bowlers at Preston Guild Hall this week. Nevertheless, I judged by their quietly knowledgeable comments ("Clever wood, that") that most of the Preston audience were probably bowlers.

I also judged that most of them were over 60, indeed that with the exception of about two people, I was the youngest person there; this made me feel rather dangerous and supercharged, the sort of rebellious free spirit who might just disrupt a game of bowls if possessed by the unstoppable desire to do so.

But it was not just that being there had turned me into a character invented by Jean-Luc Godard: no, I loved the bowls. It is slow, but it is rhythmic and continuous (when slowness in sport is unbearable is when it consists of a lot of stopping and starting).

Incisive analysis on my part informed me that what makes bowls so watchable are the seconds of suspense that come after the bowl has curved its course, when it is deciding where to settle. Those moments are tentative and tantalising. They make of slowness a virtue.

At other times, bowls is so very rhythmic and continuous that it becomes like watching waves breaking. One drifts off. The members of the audience were never all awake at one time; and the woman in front of me spent some minutes far more engaged with unwrapping and breaking up a bar of chocolate in discreet silence (scrabbling with the silver paper during bursts of applause) than with any bowling activity.

The pleasures of the sport are modest, but they are wholehearted: the quiet intensity with which one breathes in a rhythm with the roll of a bowl, sometimes exhaling an appreciative gasp at especial accuracies; the warm bath of placidity in which the audience collectively bathes, calmly turning on the hot tap at crisis moments, absorbing the rush of heat then comfortably resettling itself; the real sportsmanship of the bowlers, who will applaud each other's better shots.

In fact, what you see on television is what you get. Bowls is the most televisual of sports and both atmosphere and action translate perfectly.

There are no trappings, no hype. Everything is absolutely straightforward. Tony Allcock has never threatened to kill David Bryant because he threw him an arrogant look as he ran past him on the green; nor has he ever accused him of lacking respect for his bowling.

The charm of the sport is that the atmosphere at this big tournament is very similar to that at any bowls club: unpretentious, good-humoured, essentially relaxed, with the necessary competitive tautening emanating only from the heightened sharpness of the skills, not from any sense that this was An Event.

Spectators have constantly to be told, by the media, that the sporting competition which they are attending is not merely an event but An Event, and then they behave accordingly, with self-conscious excitement.

Myself notwithstanding, a bowls crowd tends to be a crowd of players and I cannot imagine that they would want broken the bonds of good sportsmanship which link all levels of the game. Unless, of course, a different type of person were to take up bowls. What it needs is for Reebok to endorse the white shoes.

A GUIDE TO THE WEEKEND FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

3.00 unless stated

Barclays League
First division

Arsenal v Crystal Palace
Coventry v Sunderland
Derby County v Norwich
Everton v Sheff Utd
Luton v Liverpool
Nottm Forest v Aston Villa
QPR v Southampton
Wimbledon v Tottenham

Second division

Bristol City v Oxford
Charlton v Middlesbrough
Ipswich v Hull
Leicester v Barnsley
Newcastle v Wolves
Plymouth v Brighton
Port Vale v Bristol Rovers
Portsmouth v Swindon
Watford v Oldham
West Bromwich v Notts County

Third division

Birmingham v Chester
Bury v Brentford
Cambridge v Huddersfield
Exeter v Leyton Orient
Fulham v Southend
Grimsby v Tranmere
Preston v Bradford
Reading v Bolton
Rotherham v Bournemouth
Swansea v Mansfield
Wigan v Stoke

Fourth division

Aldershot v Blackpool
Burnley v Walsall
Chesterfield v Cardiff
Hartlepool v Darlington
Hereford v Maidstone
Lincoln v Stockport
Rochdale v Scunthorpe
Wrexham v Northampton
York v Carlisle

GM Vauxhall Conference

Barnet v Yeovil
Macclesfield v Boston
Merthyr v Stafford Rangers
Sutton Utd v Fisher Ath
Telford v Runcorn

Tennents Scottish Cup
Fourth round

Ayr Utd v Hamilton
Dundee v Kilmarnock (2.00)
Dundee Utd v Airdrie
Motherwell v Falkirk
Rangers v Cowdenbeath
St Johnstone v Clyde

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B and Q Scottish League
Premier division

Dunfermline v Hearts

First division

Forfar v Clyde
Partick v Raith R

Second division

Albion R v East Fife
Arbroath v Berwick
East Stirling v Alloa
Queen of South v Stranraer
Stenhousemuir v Montrose
Stirling A v Queen's Park

FA TROPHY: Third round: Colchester v Wivenhoe; Emley v Kettering; Horwich v Redbridge Forest; Kidderminster v Bath; Northwich v Stroud; Welling v Altrincham; Witton v Gloucester; Wycombe v Cheltenham.

VAUXHALL LEAGUE: Premier division: Aylesbury v Woking; Barking v Hayes; Carshalton v Leyton-Wingate; Enfield v St Albans; Grays v Kingstonian; Harrow v Bishop's Stortford; Hendon v Bognor; Marlow v Wokingham; Staines v Basingstoke. First division: Chesham v Wembley; Croydon v Dorking; Metropolitan Police v Boreham Wood; Molesey v Tooting and Mitcham; Whyteleafe v Worthing; Yeading v Harlow. Second division south: Banstead Athletic v Leatherhead; Bracknell v Ruislip Manor; Cove v Abingdon; Epsom and Ewell v Camberley; Hampton v Hungerford; Harefield v Petersfield; Maidenhead v Egham; Malden Vale v Chertsey; Newbury v Feltham; Southall v Flackwell Heath. Second division north: Berkhamsted v Ware; Billericay v Hemel Hempstead; Clapton v Edgware; Finchley v Collier Row; Hornchurch v Kingsbury; Rainham v Hertford; Stevenage Borough v Tilbury; Tring v Basildon; Vauxhall Motors v Purfleet; Witham v Barton.

HFS LOANS LEAGUE: Premier division: Bangor City v Buxton; Chorley v Stalybridge; Fleetwood v Matlock; Frickley v Morecambe; Gainsborough v Mossley; Hyde v Droylsden; Leek Town v Southport; Marine v Bishop Auckland; Shepshed v South Liverpool. First division: Bridlington Town v Caernarfon; Lancaster City v Curzon Ashton; Rossendale v Alfreton.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Bashley v Worcester; Bromsgrove v Rushden; Burton v Chelmsford; Crawley v Moor Green; Dartford v Atherstone; Dover v Farnborough; Gloucester v Gravesend; Poole v Wealdstone; VS Rugby v Dorchester; Waterlooville v Halesowen; Weymouth v Cambridge City. Southern division: Ashford v Bury; Burnham v Gosport Borough; Canterbury v Buckingham; Corinthian v Trowbridge; Dunstable v Newport, IoW; Erith and Belvedere v Andover; Fareham v Sudbury; Hastings v Witney; Hythe v Baldock; Salisbury v Margate. Midland division: Bridgnorth v Bedworth; Newport AFC v Grantham; Sutton Coldfield v Leicester Utd; Willenhall v Tamworth.

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Liverpool v Manchester Utd (2.00).

OVENDEN PAPERS COMBINATION (2.00): Southampton v Norwich; Tottenham v Luton.

SMIRNOFF IRISH LEAGUE: Ards v Cliftonville; Ballyclare v Carrick; Coleraine v Bangor; Crusaders v Distillery; Glenavon v Glentoran; Larne v Newry; Linfield v Ballymena; Omagh v Portadown.

WEEKLY WYNNER LEAGUE: League Cup: Maltby MW v North Ferriby.

NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Alnwick v Durham City; Billingham Synthonia v Seaham Red Star; Blyth Spartans v Ferryhill Athletic; Brandon v Northallerton; Consett v Guisborough; Murton v Peterlee Newtown; Newcastle Blue Star v South Bank; Shildon v Gretna; Tow Law v Stockton; Whitby v Whickham.

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Clevedon v Welton; Dawlish v Chippenham; Exmouth v Bideford; Mangotsfield v Chard; Saltash v Weston super Mare; Paulton v Torrington.

BASS NORTH WEST COUNTIES: First division: Atherton LR v Nantwich; Bacup Borough v Knowsley; Bootle v Vauxhall GM; Clitheroe v Flixton; Colwyn Bay v Penrith; Eastwood Hanley v Leyland DAF; Maine Road (Man) v Darwen; St Helens v Ashton Utd; Skelmersdale v Salford.

ABACUS LEAGUE: National division: Abergavenny v Brecon; Aberystwyth v Ferndale; Afan Lido v Pembroke; Cwmbran v Inter Cardiff; Haverfordwest v Port Talbot; Maesteg v Bridgend; Ton Pentre v Briton Ferry.

ARTHURIAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Old Carthusians v Old Malvernians; Lancing Old Boys v Old Brentwoods; Old Reptonians v Old Wellingburians. First division: Old Aldenhamians v Old Bradfieldians; Old Cholmeleians v Old Ardinians; Old Haileyburians v Old Westminsters; Old Wykehamists v Old Etonians.

OLD BOYS LEAGUE: Premier division: Chertsey v Latymer; Old Danes v Old Aloysians; Old Suttonians v Old Kingsburians; Old Bromleians v Old Meadonians; Old Ignatians v St Marys; Old Edmontonians v Enfield; Old Manning v Old Hamptonians; Glyn v Norsemen.

SOUTHERN AMATEUR LEAGUE: NatWest Bank v Civil Service; Old Actonians v Carshalton; Old Salesians v Winchmore; British Petroleum v Southgate Olympic; Broomfield v Polytechnic; IBIS v Crouch End Vampires; Alleyn Old Boys v Lensbury; Bank of England v Cuaco; Brentham v Reigate Priory; Kew Association v Old Westminster; Lloyds Bank v Alexandra Park; Old Latymerians v Royal Bank of Scotland.

SCHOOLS INTERNATIONAL: Northern Ireland v England (at Bangor).

RUGBY UNION

3.00 unless stated

Pilkington Cup
Quarter-finals

Harlequins v Rosslyn Park
Northampton v Moseley
Nottingham v L Irish (2.30)
Wasps v Orrell

Courage Clubs Championship
Second division

Bedford v L Scottish
Wakefield v Headingley (2.30)

Third division

Clifton v Met Police (2.30)
Lydney v Fylde (2.30)
Nuneaton v Exeter (2.30)
Sheffield v Morley (2.30)

Fourth division north

Winnington Pk v Kendal (2.30)

Fourth division south

Maidstone v Havant (2.30)

Schweppes Welsh Cup
Sixth round

Bridgend v Maesteg (2.30)
Cardiff v Blackwood (2.30)
Dunvant v Pontypool (2.30)
Neath v Felinfoel (2.30)
Newbridge v Cross Keys (2.30)
Pontypridd v Llanelli (2.30)
Swansea v Bridgend Ath (2.30)
Tondu v Ebbw Vale (2.30)

Heineken Welsh League
First division

Aberavon v Penarth (2.30)

McEwan's Scottish League
First division

Boroughmuir v Heriot's FP
Currie v Kelso
Edinburgh W v Edinburgh Ac
Glasgow HK v Melrose
Hawick v Gala
Jed-Forest v Stirling Co
Stewart's Mel FP v Selkirk

Second division

Ayr v West of Scotland
Corstorphine v Hillhead-J'hill
Dundee HSFP v Glasgow Ac
Kilmarnock v Preston Lodge
Langholm v Watsonians
Musselburgh v Kirkcaldy
Royal High v Dunfermline

Club matches

Bath v Barnstable
Coventry v Glamorgan W
Gloucester v Richmond
Liverpool St H v Tynedale
L Welsh v Leicester (2.45)
Newcastle v Vale of Lune (2.30)
Rugby v Broughton Pk (2.30)
Sale v Roundhay
Saracens v Blackheath
Sth Wales Pol v Torquay (2.30)

Provincial Insurance Cup
Semi-finals

Bicester v Old Reedonians (at Marlow)
Bradford Salem v Leodiensian (at Headingley)

LONDON AND SOUTH EAST: Courage Clubs Championship: Third division north east: Colchester v Canvey Island. Bisley Southern Merit Table: High Wycombe v Newbury. ADT CLOB Merit Table: Old Brockleians v Old Juddian; Old Dunstonians v Old Whitgiftians; Old Merchant Taylors v Old Blues; Old Reigatian v Old Guildfordians. Uniseys Seven Counties Merit Table: Sutton and Epsom v Upper Clapton. Club matches: Antlers v HAC; Askeans v Lichfield; Bancroft v Barking; Bank of England v London French; Barclays Bank v Old Millhillians; Basildon v Ilford Wanderers; Basingstoke v Westcombe Park;

MIDLANDS: Club matches: All Spartans v Kesteven; Anstey v Corby; Ashton under Lyne v Buxton; Askeans v Lichfield; Aylesbury v Evesham; Bakewell Mannerians v Rolls Royce; Barkers Butts v Peterborough; Birmingham City Officials v Birmingham Welsh; Bedford Rovers v Northampton OS; Belgrave v GEC Coventry; Birchfield v Pershore; Birmingham and Solihull v Stroud; Birstall v Dunlop; Bishops Castle v Oswestry; Bletchley v Northampton BB Old Boys; Boots Athletic v Sutton Bonnington; Bromyard v Upton on Severn; Buckingham v Dunstablians; Birmingham University v Old Moseleians; Burton on Trent v Walsall; Cambridge v Towcestrians; Cannock v Linley; Chesterfield v Castleford; Claverdon v Alcester; Coalville v Syston; Coventrians v Shipston on Stour; Coventry Saracens v Erdington; Cutler Hammer v Northampton Casuals; Coventry Welsh v Manor Park; Daventry v Lutterworth; Deepings v Oakham; Dixonians v Westleigh; Droitwich v King's Norton; Earlsdon v Old Northamptonians; East Retford v Wetherby; Five Ways OE v Handsworth; Gainsborough v Maltby; Glossop v Oldham; Grimsby v Sheffield Tigers; Hereford v Camp Hill; Hinckley v Dudley; Horncastle v Whitwell; Jaguar (Coventry) v Old Oaks; Kenilworth v Stoneygate; Keyworth v Old Newtonians; Kibworth v Northampton Trinity; Kidderminster Carolians v Leamington; Long Eaton v Old Coventrians; Luctonians v Old Richians; Ludlow v Telford; Lymm v Sutton Coldfield; Maidenhead v Leighton Buzzard; Market Drayton v Wheaton Aston; Melbourne v East Leake; Mellish v Vipers; Melton Mowbray v Nottingham Casuals; Monsons v Ollerton and Bevercotes; Market Rasen and Louth v Amber Valley; Newbold on Avon v Matlock; Newport v Birmingham Civil Service; Northampton Heathens v Westwood; North Kesteven v Harworth Colliery; Northampton Mens Own v Keresley; Nottinghamians v Market Bosworth; Nuneaton OE v Veseyans; Oadby Wyggestonians v Olney; Old Ashbeians v Belper; Old Bosworthians v Rugby St Andrews; Old Cantabrigians v Biggleswade; Old Gaytonians v Stockwood Park; Old Griffinians v Old Centrals; Old Laurentians v South Leicester; Old Leamingtonians v Stafford; Old Saltleians v Old Halesonians; Oundle v Bugbrooke; Old Warwickians v Warwick; Old Wheatleyans v Old Silhillians; Old Yardleians v Kettering; Pinley v GEC St Leonards; Rainworth v Notts Constabulary; Ross on Wye v Ledbury; Royston v St Ives; Rugby Welsh v Burbage; Rushden and Higham v Luton; Scraptoft Mentors v Aylestonians; Scunthorpe v Hessle; Selly Oak v Stratford upon Avon; Sleaford v Boston; Southam v Broad Street; Spalding v Huntingdon; Spartans v Bournville; Stamford v Wigston; Standard v Berkswell and Balsall; Stewarts and Lloyds v Bedford Athletic; Stoke Old Boys v Shrewsbury; Stoke on Trent v Bradford and Bingley; Tamworth v Bromsgrove; Thornensians v Mansfield; Uttoxeter v Rugeley; Vauxhall Motors v Wellingborough OG; Wath v Dronfield; Wednesbury v Witton; Wellingborough v Loughborough; Welshpool v Bridgnorth; West Bridgford v Moderns; Whitchurch v Old Longtonians; Widnes v Derby; Willenhall v Woodrush; West Leicester v Ilkeston; Wolverhampton v Matson; Worksop v West Leeds; Wulfrun v Kynoch; Yardley and District v Redditch.

SOUTH WEST: Courage Clubs Championship: Western Counties: Newquay Hornets v Combe Down; Tiverton v Avonmouth. Cornwall and Devon: Hayle v Crediton. Gloucestershire Cup: Semi-final: Matson v Berry Hill. Cornwall Cup: Semi-final: Camborne v Launceston. Bristol and District Cup: Oldfield v Dings Crusaders. Club matches: Aretians v Old Culverhaysians; Bishopston v Cotham Park; Brixham v Bridgwater; Bude v Helston; Burnham v Stotherts; BAC v North Bristol; Chipping Sodbury v Trowbridge; Crewkerne v Minehead; Falmouth v St Ives; Gordano v Clevedon; Hornets v Corsham; Jesters v Lankelly Fowey; Kingswood v Imperial; Launceston Castle v Plymouth Argaum Wanderers; Newquay Hornets v Truro; Old Richians v Bath OE; Old Sulians v Taunton Utd; Old Colstonians v Old Bristolians; Redruth v Penryn; Redruth Albany v Veor; St Austell v Devon and Cornwall Police; St Bernadettes v Bristol Telephones; St Brendan's Old Boys v Bristol Saracens; St Day v RAF Portreath; St Just v Swanage and Wareham; Saltash v OPM; Taunton v Cheltenham; Tavistock v Bodmin; Wadebridge Camels v Hayle; Whitehall v Frampton Cotterell; Winscombe v Tor; Wellington v Newton Abbott; Wells v Cheddar; Wiveliscombe v Totnes; Yatton v Midsomer Norton.

NORTH: Club matches: Ashton on Mersey v Kersal; Baildon v Thornensians XV; Blackburn v Sandbach; Bleydon v Middlesbrough; Bolton v Tyldesley; Burley v Heath; Burnage v Old Brodleians; Bury v Heaton Moor; Caldy v Leigh; Carnforth v Old Bedians; Crewe and Nantwich v Old Parkonians; De la Salle v Ormskirk; Eagle v Didsbury Toc; Eccles v Metrovick; Fleetwood v Thornton Cleveleys; Glossop v Oldham; Halifax Dukes v Halifax Vandals; Hartlepool BBOB v Richmondshire; Hartlepool Rovers v Sandal; Hoylake v Chester; Keighley v Castleford; Kendal v Huddersfield; Leeds Corinthians v Airebronians; Leeds University v Leeds CSSA; Lymm v Sutton Coldfield; Marple v Bowdon; Medicals v Bishop Auckland; Newcastle University v Novocastrians; Newton le Willows v Old Salians; Oldershaw v Pt Sunlight; Old Instonians v Old Anselmians; Otley v Birkenhead Park; Pontefract v Cleckheaton; Ripon v Bridlington; Rotherham v Broughton Park; Roundhegians v Acklam; Ruskin Park v Halton; Ruthin v New Brighton; Ryton v Netherhall; Sedgley Park v Old Aldwinians; Selby v Bramley; Stockton v York; Tynedale v Harrogate; Wallasey v St Edwards Old Boys; Wensleydale v Sheffield Oaks; West Hartlepool v Alnwick; Widnes v Derby; Wilmslow v Macclesfield; Wirral v Warrington. Courage Clubs Championship: Yorkshire: First division: North Ribblesdale v Malton and Norton. Second division: Huddersfield YMCA v Ilkley; Moortown v Yarnbury; Old Otliensians v Wheatley Hills. Yorkshire Shield: Semi-final: Doncaster v Driffield.

SCOTLAND: McEwan's League: Third division: Perthshire v Peebles; Howe of Fife v Gordonians; Highland v Grangemouth; Clarkston v Wigtownshire; Biggar v Trinity Academicals; Portobello FP v Haddington; Dalziel HSFP v Aberdeen GSFP. Fourth division: Penicuik v St Boswells; East Kilbride v Waysiders; Lismore v Dumfries; Hutchesons'-Aloysians v Cambuslang; Greenock Wanderers v Edinburgh University; Cartha Queen's Park v Morgan Academy FP; Linlithgow v Leith Academicals. Fifth division: North Berwick v Dunbar; Livingston v Aberdeenshire; Hillfoots v Stewartry; Glenrothes v Murrayfield; Ardrossan Academicals v Broughton FP; Paisley v Alloa; Moray v Madras FP. Sixth division: Marr v Drumpellier; Earlston v St Andrews University; Walkerburn v Cumbernauld; Carnoustie HSFP v Clydebank; Aberdeen University v Falkirk; Lenzie v Lasswade; Montrose v Harris Academy FP. Seventh division: Duns v Strathmore; Panmure v Rosyth and District; Ross High v Holy Cross; RAF Kinloss v Birkmyre; Whitecraigs v Garioch; Garnock v Forrester FP; Irvine v Cumnock.

IRELAND: All Ireland League: Second division: Old Wesley v Greystones. Qualifying play-offs: Dolphin v Dungannon (at Temple Hill); Galwegians v Black Rock College (at Sports Ground, Galway). Ulster: Senior League: Armagh v City of Derry. Senior club: Collegians v CIYMS; Instonians v Malone; Portadown v DLSP; Ballymena v Bangor; Queens University v Japanese Universities. Leinster: Senior club: Lansdowne v Monkstown; Clontarf v NIFC. Munster: Senior club: Bohemians v Corinthians; Constitution v Old Crescent; Garryowen v Highfield; Shannon v Terenure College; Young Munster v Sunday's Well. Connacht: Senior club: Athlone v Water Park. Dudley Cup: University College Dublin v University College Galway; University College Cork v Dublin University. Youth inter-provincials: Leinster v Connacht (Stradbrook); Ulster v Munster (Carrick Fergus).

RUGBY LEAGUE

SILK CUT CHALLENGE CUP: Second round: St Helens v Wakefield (2.15).

HOCKEY

EUROPEAN INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIPS (Aston Villa LC, 10.00).

TYPHOO NATIONAL WOMEN'S LEAGUE: Slough v Sutton Coldfield (2.30); Wimbledon v Leicester (1.30); Doncaster v Ealing (1.00); Chelmsford v Ipswich (1.00); Clifton v Hightown (10.30).

ERNST AND YOUNG MIDLANDS LEAGUE: Premier division: Beeston v John Player; Belper v Olton and West Warwicks; Coventry and North Warwicks v Kidderminster; Leicester Westleigh v Barford Tigers.

AW YARNS NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Alderley Edge v Tynemouth; Ben Rhydding v Ramgarhia; Brooklands v Timperley; Disley v Norton; Durham University v Bowdon; Formby v Stockton; Hightown Northern v Liverpool Sefton; Preston v Sheffield.

MTM NORTH EAST LEAGUE: Carlisle v Whitehaven; Redcar v Morpeth; St Georges v South Shields; Sunderland v Darlington; Swalwell v Billingham; Tynedale v Marton Furness.

TIPP-EX YORKSHIRE LEAGUE: Appleby Frodingham v Chapeltown; Bardsey v Harrogate; Bradford v Rotherham; Driffield v Huddersfield; Farsley v York CS Trojans; Grimsby v Brigg; Halifax v Roses; Sheffield Bankers v Adel; York v Lincoln.

HALPERN AND WOOLF NORTH WEST LEAGUE: Deeside Ramblers v Manchester YMCA; Macclesfield v West Derby; Oxton v Chester; Prescot v Blackburn; Sale v Northop Hall; Southport v Manchester; Springfields v Knutsford; Wigan v Cheetham Hill.

PIZZA EXPRESS LONDON LEAGUE: Dulwich v Spencer; London University v Tulse Hill; Maidenhead v Beckenham; Mid-Surrey v Hampstead; Old Kingstons v Cheam; Surbiton v Wimbledon; Weybridge v Oxford University.

NORWICH UNION EAST LEAGUES: Premier division: Bedford v Bury St Edmunds; Bishop's Stortford v Colchester; Blueharts v Ipswich; Crostyx v Chelmsford; Ford v Cambridge Nomads; Pelicans v Peterborough; Westcliff v Norwich City; Wisbech v Harleston Magpies.

PERONI SOUTH LEAGUE: Premier division: Bognor v Anchorians; Eastcote v Marden Russets; High Wycombe v Camberley; Old Mid-Whitgiftians v Tunbridge Wells; Staines v Oxford Hawks; Winchester v Bournemouth and West Hants; Worthing v Chichester. Regionals: Hampshire and Surrey: Epsom v Fleet; Goan v Basingstoke; Hamble Old Boys v Oxted; Merton v Old Walcountians; NatWest Bank v Southampton University; Old Edwardians v Barnes; Pirelli v Walton; Woking v Metropolitan Police. Kent and Sussex: Gravesend v Midland Bank; Herne Bay v Old Bordenians; Horsham v Old Beccehamians; Lewes v Mid-Sussex; Lloyds Bank v Eastbourne; Old Holcombeians v Burnt Ash; Rochester and Gillingham v Sevenoaks; Tonbridge v Old Williamsonians. Middlesex, Berks, Bucks and Oxon: Amersham v Sunbury; Bracknell v Southgate Adel; City of Oxford v NPL; Harrow v Aylesbury; Hayes v Hendon; Marlow v Gerrards Cross; Old Merchant Taylors v Ashford; Windsor v Witney.

SUN LIFE WEST LEAGUE: Premier division: Bridgwater v West Gloucester; Clevedon v Gloucester; Exeter Crickets v Marlborough; Exeter Univ v Hereford; Otter Vale v Watbury Banks; Plymouth v Cheltenham; Swindon v Bath Bucca.

BASKETBALL

CARLSBERG NATIONAL LEAGUE (8.00): First division: Kingston v Thames Valley (7.30); Manchester v Hemel Hempstead; Worthing v Leicester. Second division: Broxbourne v Middlesbrough; Cheshire v Bury; Oldham v Manchester. Third division: Calderdale v Chiltern; Cheshire v Leicester (6.00); Fylde v Kirklees; North London v Barnsley; Swindon v Greenwich (7.00). Women: Second division: Kirklees v Hemel Hempstead (6.00); Leicester v Camberley (6.00); South Tyneside v Northampton (4.00); Sunderland v Doncaster; Swindon v Harlesden (6.00).

ICE HOCKEY

HEINEKEN NATIONAL LEAGUE: Premier division: Ayr v Solihull (7.00); Cardiff v Whitley (6.30); Cleveland v Peterborough (6.15); Durham v Murrayfield (6.30); Nottingham v Fife (6.30). First division: Basingstoke v Romford (6.00); Glasgow v Bracknell (4.45); Humberside v Slough (5.15); Lee Valley v Trafford (at Romford, 8.30); Swindon v Medway (5.00).

ENGLISH LEAGUE: Blackburn v Sheffield (6.30); Milton Keynes v Sunderland (6.00).

VOLLEYBALL

ROYAL BANK NATIONAL LEAGUE: Men: First division: Staffordshire Moorlands v Reebok Liverpool City (7.30); Hilton Leeds v Radio Trent Rockets (6.30); Purbrook Portsmouth v MGI Wessex (7.30); Polonia v Aquila (6.30).

LACROSSE

BRINE NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Cheadle v Old Waconians; Heaton Mersey v Stockport; Mellor v Sheffield Steelers; Sheffield University v Timperley.

SOUTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Hitchin v Hampstead; Kenton v Hillcroft; Oxford University v Bath; Purley v London University.

OTHER SPORT

ATHLETICS: English men's cross country championships (Luton); Scottish men's ional cross country championships (Dundee); open indoor meeting (Cosford).

BADMINTON: English championships (Torbay).

BOWLS: Midland Bank world indoor championship (Guild Hall, Preston).

MODERN PENTATHLON: MPAGB tetrathlon championships (Bracknell).

ORIENTEERING: British night championships (Clent and Hagley, Birmingham).

SHOOTING: British airgun championships (Bramhall).

SNOOKER: Pearl Assurance British Open (Derby).

SQUASH: Leekes Welsh Classic (Cardiff).

TOMORROW

FOOTBALL

Rumbelows League Cup
Semi-final, first leg

Chelsea v Sheffield Wednesday (all ticket, 12.0)

Semi-final, second leg

First leg score in brackets

Leeds Utd (1) v Manchester Utd (2) (all ticket)

Barclays League
Second division

West Ham v Millwall (12.00)

BORD GAIS LEAGUE OF IRELAND: Premier division: Athlone v Shelbourne (3.15); Bohemians v Shamrock (3.30); Limerick v Dundalk (3.15); Sligo v Galway (3.15); St Patrick's Athletic v Cork City (3.15); Waterford v Derry (3.15).

RUGBY UNION

MIDLANDS: North Midlands Cup: Semi-finals: Aston Old Edwardians v Stourbridge. Leicestershire Cup: Quarter-final: Syston v Belgrave (at Loughborough).

YORKSHIRE CUP: First round: Pocklington v Old Crossleyans.

LONDON AND SOUTH EAST: Foster Beard Middlesex Cup: Fourth round: Grasshoppers v Ealing; Lensbury v Finchley; Old Meadonians v Hackney; Old Merchant Taylors' v Old Millhillians; Ruislip v HAC; Twickenham v Hampstead; Uxbridge v Kingsburians; West London Institute v Roxeth Manor Old Boys.

RUGBY LEAGUE

SILK CUT CHALLENGE CUP: Second round: Barrow v Widnes (3.00); Bradford v Leeds (6.30); Halifax v Whitehaven (3.00); Keighley v Warrington (3.15); Sheffield v Salford (1.00); Workington v Oldham (3.00).

STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP: Second division: Bramley v Nottingham (3.00); Carlisle v Batley (2.30); Chorley v Fulham (3.00); Leigh v Hunslet (3.30); Trafford v Huddersfield (3.30).

BASKETBALL

CARLSBERG NATIONAL LEAGUE (4.00): Men: First division: London Docklands v Sunderland. Second division: Bury v Broxbourne; Brixton v Watford (7.00); Doncaster v Plymouth. Third division: Birmingham v Leicester (6.45); Cardiff v Fylde. Women: First division: London YMCA v Tyneside (2.00); Northampton v Sheffield (3.30); Nottingham v Rhondda (3.30). Second division: Camberley v Sunderland (1.00); Northampton v Wirral (1.15).

ICE HOCKEY

HEINEKEN NATIONAL LEAGUE: Premier division: Cleveland v Cardiff (5.15); Durham v Nottingham (6.30); Murrayfield v Solihull (6.30); Peterborough v Fife (6.30); Whitley v Ayr (6.30). First division: Humberside v Bracknell (5.15); Medway v Trafford (5.15); Romford v Basingstoke (5.15); Slough v Lee Valley (5.45); Telford v Glasgow (7.30).

ENGLISH LEAGUE: Blackburn v Haringey (6.30); Chelmsford v Richmond (6.30); Oxford v Sunderland (5.30); Sheffield v Milton Keynes (5.30).

VOLLEYBALL

ROYAL BANK NATIONAL LEAGUE: Women: First division: Hilton Leeds v Ashcombe Sabre (2.00); Woolwich Brixton Knights v Southgate (6.00); Dynamo London v GP Scorpions (4.30).

TENNIS

VAUXHALL INDOOR TROPHY: Women: Quarter-finals: Tennis World Middlesbrough v Nottingham Breakpoint; Melton Mowbray v Puma Welwyn; Walton Indoor v Connaught Club, London; West Hants, Bournemouth v Queen's Club, London.

OTHER SPORT

BADMINTON: English championships (Torbay).

BOWLS: Midland Bank world indoor championship (Guild Hall, Preston).

HOCKEY: European indoor championships (Aston Villa LC, 10.00).

LACROSSE: ELU Regional Trophy: Men: Yorkshire v South of England (Leeds University).

MODERN PENTATHLON: MPAGB tetrathlon championships (Bracknell).

SNOOKER: Pearl Assurance British Open (Derby).

SQUASH RACKETS: Leekes Welsh classic (Cardiff).

BOWLS

Schuback retains his poise

By DAVID RHYS JONES

IT WAS fair dinkum for the green and gold as, bordered appropriately by a display of yellow chrysanthemums and green foliage, Ian Schuback, of Australia, notched a good win over Tony Allcock, the pride of England, at the Preston Guild Hall, and booked a place in the final of the Midland Bank world indoor singles championship for the second year running.

Schuback, formerly a professional tennis coach but now the secretary-manager of a bowls club in Sydney, appeared more at home than Allcock, who is supposed to know every fibre of the portable rink.

Normally the most serene of players, Allcock was perceptibly ruffled as Schuback took the first two sets: his head shook with disbelief and he winced. Three times he called out in desperation as his wood went down the rink. "All of them!" "The jack!" "Not the gap!"

He had reason to grimace on the last end of the first set when he tipped a jack-high Australian bowl behind the jack, rested it with his third bowl only to fall out of the count, and widened the head so much with his final delivery that Schuback could easily draw the set winner.

It was in the third end of the third set that Allcock was first observed to smile. By then, he had taken hold of his game and was already 4-0 up in the set, and it was a precision trail for two shots that lifted his spirits.

Suddenly, Allcock scored 14 shots without reply, winning the third and fourth sets, but just as he was regaining his composure, the rub of the green went against him again.

Schuback took his chances with alacrity.

RESULTS: Singles: Semi-finals: I Schuback (Aus) bt A Allcock (Eng), 7-3, 7-4, 0-7, 0-7, 7-1; R Corsie (Scot) bt M McMahon (HK), 7-2, 7-4, 7-5.

MOTOR RALLYING

Sponsor has new cause

ROTHMANS is making a return to British rallying as the sponsor of Colin McRae and his turbo-charged Subaru Legacy car, it was announced yesterday (Stephen Slater writes).

A world-wide supporter of the sport for many years, Rothmans' rallying programme was centred on Colin's father, Jimmy McRae, who contested the RAC Open championship in 1985 at the wheel of its Metro 6R4. This weekend, Colin, aged 22, heads the field in the opening round of the 1991 series, the Talkland international rally, which starts from York this morning.

Successful candidates in Professional Examination 2, held in December 1990

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Derek John Bradley (Touche Ross & Co), London

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Sarah Frances Brown (Grant Thornton), Oxford

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Elaine Man Lee Lui (Neville Russell), London

Fifth Place in the Order of Merit and the William G Frazer Prize and the Whinney Prize for the Paper on Financial Accounting 2
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Sixth Place in the Order of Merit and the Tattersall-Walker Prize
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Counting their blessings

Accountancy may seem dull, but those who chose the profession still have jobs, **Edward Fennell** writes. Now they are smartening up their act and image

Those with good results today can congratulate themselves on their prudence. Resisting the blandishments of the City, they entered accountancy at a time when it seemed that only play-safe fuddy-duddies could ignore the lure of the banks or the trading desk. But now, four years later, their foresight has been rewarded. Professionally qualified and — in most cases — with a job to go to, their success underlines how copper-bottomed a career in accountancy has proven to be.

The accountancy bandwagon continues to roll in an extraordinary way. Although recruitment partners in the large firms, such as Touche Ross and Peat Marwick McLintock, would not be tied to any precise figures, the general feeling among the six biggest was that target figures for new graduate recruits would be down only marginally on last year. Contrast that with the blue chip company IBM, for example, which is said to have withdrawn entirely from the graduate recruitment field this year.

The world which the newly qualified accountant will enter, however, is markedly different from that of the mid and late Eighties. The boom years led to massive profits, terrific career opportunities, and an environment in which even the average accountant was able to thrive.

"I think that the changes about to hit accountancy will be very good for the really able people but bad for the middle-range," says Marie Eastwood, a human resource consultant who formerly recruited for Arthur Young. "Firms will use the recession gradually to get rid of the dead wood — the kind of managers who were only promoted because there was nobody else available. The thinning-out will create more space in which the talented younger accountants can grow. But of course it is not such good news for the less able people."

Large firms will now be putting pressure on existing staff to be more productive and to compete more vigorously. Meanwhile, the decline in the opportunities for people in the business world means that more young accountants will stay on with their firms, further intensifying competition.

Although spared themselves from disasters, firms can look at the United States to see how badly things can go wrong. Leading firms in the US have dismissed hundreds of partners and, in one or two cases, collapsed. Even in Britain there are some second division firms poised on the abyss — and in some cases just clinging on by their fingertips.

As consultants continue to be successful and their profitability overtakes that of the auditors, we may see a significant change in the juxtaposition of power between mainstream auditors and their managing consultant colleagues in partnerships.

Bob Simm, who took over in October as the managing partner in the southeast region of KPMG Managing Consultancy (the management consultancy wing of Peat Marwick McLintock), has trenchant views about the new era the consultants are entering and the implications which this could have for the firm.

"There's no proven, winning formula in today's environment," Mr Simm says. "As a result, we have to take more controlled risks and be more inventive in what we offer the client."

In addition, Mr Simm says, the various specialisms within the big firms are going to have to work together in a more co-ordinated way. The theory which was preached in the past must now be turned into a reality. That does not mean a revival of cross-selling (one department selling another's services), a concept about which Mr Simm is deeply sceptical. Instead he prefers to call his vision of the future "a truly integrated multi-professional services firm".

What this means in practice is putting together multi-disciplinary teams to demonstrate the benefits that can flow from combining top-flight expertise. Instead of waiting for clients to come to consultants with a problem, firms such as Peat Marwick McLintock's should be putting more time into research. This would enable them to identify forthcoming issues and alert clients in advance about challenges and opportunities. Relationships must be extremely close and partners effective at keeping abreast of clients' circumstances.

There are two implications of this new approach. First, the consultants must be seen as "equal business partners" with audit and general practice colleagues. Second, there needs to be a tougher emphasis on partners' performance and a move away from the idea that a partnership is a sinecure that allows some people to sit back and take things easy.

A new regime in the consultancy, which relates pay to performance and makes explicit what individual partners are expected to do, has been accepted at Peat Marwick McLintock's and there is a general commitment that it should apply across the consultancy firm by the mid Nineties.

"Basically the changes have been welcomed because they are seen as being necessary for the new situation," Mr Simm says.

"They've been endorsed, for example, by the southeast regional management committee, which represents all the specialisms. Everyone here is now singing from the same song-sheet."

Whether other firms will move in this direction is not yet clear. In some cases there are tensions between accountants and the management consultants which may make that difficult. But some of the basic reforms — such as tying remuneration to performance — will win a warm response from the younger managers and partners who may feel that they are prepared to work in the hothouse atmosphere so long as they are rewarded for their resilience.

Accountants may belong to a copper-bottomed profession but they may need to be lashed ever more tightly to their consulting colleagues.

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Tighter rules on BES schemes

PROMOTERS of assured tenancy business expansion schemes (BES) will not be allowed to describe the return on investments in these schemes as guaranteed unless the guarantee is legally enforceable, the Investment Managers Regulatory Organisation (Imro) said.

The organisation said: "It is not appropriate to describe a prospective investment return as guaranteed where none of the entities participating in the relevant arrangement is contractually bound to provide that return to investors.

"The term 'guaranteed' may be used in relation to such schemes only if there is a legally enforceable arrangement with a third party who undertakes to meet an investor's claim if the terms of the participating institutions' commitments are not achieved." Imro has banned BES scheme promoters from forecasting the value of underlying property investments or giving rates of return in percentages.

Greenwich buys minority

Greenwich Resources, the natural resources group and one of *The Times* five mining shares of the year, is compulsorily buying the outstanding 2.65 per cent of Australian mining company United Goldfields Corporation that it does not already own. The consideration is Aus$1.58 a share, or three shares in Greenwich. A total cash payout would cost £183,074.

Sintrom approach

Sintrom, the electrical company whose shares rose 4p on Thursday and a further 7p to 30p yesterday, said it had received an approach, but it was too early to predict the outcome of talks that might lead to an offer.

Business Editor
John Bell

THE POUND

US dollar
1.9460 (–0.0120)
German mark
2.9258 (+0.0064)
Exchange index
94.4 (+0.1)

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share
1846.7 (+2.1)
FT-SE 100
2314.3 (+1.9)
New York Dow Jones
2914.11 (+22.28)*
Tokyo Nikkei Avge
25902.81 (–121.56)
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MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:	
Domino	245p (+16p)
Gold Greenless	99½p (+9p)
News Corp	312p (+8p)
Racal Telecom	323½p (+10p)
J Smurfit	522½p (+18p)
Whitbread 'A'	485p (+8p)
MJ Gleeson	640p (+17p)
Shandwick	56½p (+8p)
Royal	442½p (+12p)
Siebe	377½p (+19p)
TI	460½p (+8p)
J Wilkes	137½p (+14p)
Daejan	765p (+10p)
Mountview	890p (+10p)
FALLS:	
Lloyds	320p (–10p)
Standard Chartered	272½p (–11p)
Nat West	293½p (–11p)
Sedgwick	230p (–10p)
Unilever	715p (–12p)
Blenheim Group	700p (–15p)

Closing prices

INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 13½%
3-month Interbank 12 15/16-12⅞%
3-month eligible bills: 12 9/16-12½%
US: Prime Rate 9%
Federal Funds 6¼%*
3-month Treasury Bills 5.96-5.94%*
30-year bonds 98 2/32-98 3/16*

CURRENCIES

London:	New York:
£: $1.9460	£: $1.9450*
£: DM2.9258	$: DM1.5050*
£: SwFr2.5084	$: SwFr1.2898*
£: FFr9.9519	$: FFr5.1185*
£: Yen256.97	$: Yen132.20*
£: Index:94.4	$: Index:60.7
ECU £0.702035	SDR £0.732757
£: ECU1.424430	£: SDR1.364708

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London Fixing:
AM $358.90 pm-$358.80
close $358.90-359.40 (£184.90-185.40)
New York:
Comex $360.55-361.05*

NORTH SEA OIL

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TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.565	2.405
Austria Sch	21.50	20.10
Belgium Fr	63.00	58.70
Canada $	2.36	2.215
Denmark Kr	11.74	11.02
Finland Mkk	7.45	6.98
France Fr	10.34	9.66
Germany Dm	3.05	2.85
Greece Dr	333	313
Hong Kong $	15.8	14.8
Ireland Pt	1.145	1.075
Italy Lira	2290	2145
Japan Yen	272.5	255
Netherlands Gld	3.435	3.22
Norway Kr	11.92	11.19
Portugal Esc	267	251
South Africa Rd	5.8	5.00
Spain Pta	189.5	175.8
Sweden Kr	11.38	10.7
Switzerland Fr	2.61	2.43
Turkey Lira	6900	5800
USA $	2.045	1.925
Yugoslavia Dnr	DNB35	27

Rates for small denomination bank only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques.
Retail Price Index: 130.2 (January)

British Steel faces pressure to cut payout after closure

Sir Robert: confirmation of closure

By Ross Tieman
INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

BRITISH Steel faces pressure to cut its dividend and rein back capital spending after tumbling demand triggered a further closure at the Ravenscraig works at Motherwell, Strathclyde, with the loss of 1,100 jobs.

A fall in profits and the exceptional cost of closures is likely to force BS to borrow money for the first time since its flotation in 1988.

Ian Lowe, of Smith New Court, the broker, predicts that BS's profits will be inadequate to cover the cost of dividends in 1992 unless the payout is cut.

Even so, he said: "It is absolutely vital that they keep capital spending up because if they don't, they won't be competitive enough."

The closure of one of three blast furnaces at Ravenscraig will bring the number of BS jobs lost in Scotland over the 12 months to July to more than 3,000, out of a workforce of 4,500.

The closure also heightens speculation that the former state steel company will withdraw from operations there, possibly before the end of 1991, despite assurances from BS yesterday that the closure was simply a response to falling demand.

Production at Ravenscraig was reduced to a single blast furnace earlier this month, with the promise of a review at the end of March.

Confirmation by Sir Robert Scholey, BS chairman, of the latest closure suggests the company has accepted there is little prospect of improved demand for up to 12 months. Demand for steel in Britain during January is believed to have been 30 per cent down on the same month last year.

The closure costs are expected to add to the exceptional charges which BS will set against its profits for the year to end-March.

Analysts throughout the City cut their forecasts for BS's profits yesterday. Mr Lowe reduced his prediction by £54 million to £240 million for the year to end-March 1991. He trimmed £25 million, to £145 million, from his forecast for the year ending March 1992.

Mr Lowe said BS faces severe pressure to reduce capital spending, which has been running at £500 million a year over the past two years, to about £350 million during the coming financial year.

If the company lifts its annual payout 9 per cent to 9p, as expected, dividends should be adequately covered in the current year. However, if Mr Lowe's forecast is correct, profits during 1992 will be insufficient to meet the £170 million cost of the dividend at that level.

He predicts that capital spending and acquisitions already in train will swallow BS's £100 million of surplus cash and push gearing against its £4.3 billion of shareholders' funds to between 10 and 15 per cent.

Major cutbacks in investment could cripple BS's competitiveness in the future. Mr Lowe said: "BS is used to spending very, very hard, not on expanding capacity, but to improve cost competitiveness. If you cut the level of investment in a spread of three years you suffer the consequences five years down the line."

Lloyds profits hit by bad debt provision

By Neil Bennett, banking correspondent

LLOYDS Bank has suffered a slump in operating profits due to a 131 per cent increase in bad debt provisions in 1990 to £799 million.

The bank made pre-tax profits of £591 million during the year, at the bottom of City forecasts. Nevertheless, the results are a turnround from last year's £715 million loss, when Lloyds was forced to make an exceptional £1.5 billion write-off of its Third World debts. Excluding this exceptional provision, profits fell by a quarter.

Sir Jeremy Morse, the chairman, said current trading conditions were sombre and much worse than people expected when they had celebrated the start of the decade. He added: "Trading conditions are not likely to improve in 1991. There are fundamental changes going on in UK banking, and we are nursing ourselves through the current situation."

Despite the problems, Sir Jeremy announced a 14 per cent rise in the final dividend to 10.3p, to make 15.3p for the year, up from 13.3p.

Brian Pitman, the chief executive, said the Gulf war was hitting some companies harder than the recession. He said: "The war is making the most able managements wonder where they can go." Banks were suffering heavy bad debts because they had over-lent in the years since the last recession, he added.

Lloyds is the first of the main high street banks to report its results for 1990, with the others due to report in the next two weeks. The size of Lloyds' provisions confirms fears of heavy profit falls throughout the industry, and suggests that Midland will suffer a loss for the second year in succession.

Lloyds' profits deteriorated sharply in the second half of the year, even though they were boosted by a £125 million windfall on currency speculation. Profits between July and December were only £183 million, down 55 per cent, as the recession began to bite.

The currency gain came from Lloyds' Third World debt provisions, which it holds mainly in sterling against dollar-denominated loans. These benefited from the decline in the dollar. Mr Pitman said: "We have a mismatched book, because we believe we eventually will not need all these provisions."

The steepest rise in provisions came in the Lloyds' corporate banking division, which was forced to write off £125 million, compared with £8 million in 1989. Only 15 per cent of the provisions were on consumer loans, showing that companies are suffering worse in the recession.

Mr Pitman said the bank had shed 4,000 staff in 1990, and another 1,000 since the start of this year, to cut costs. About 2,500 came from British operations, where many were offered voluntary redundancy or early retirement. The bank paid out £32 million in redundancy last year.

Lloyds is also planning to close 2 per cent of its branch network this year as part of cost-cutting scheme. In all, the bank contained its cost increase to 5 per cent in the year to £2.46 billion.

The bank also suffered a £208 million property write-down, due to the slump in commercial property prices.

Mr Pitman said the bank had already started to see an increase in lending margins now that Japanese and American banks have scaled down their London operations. He said: "We are like brickmakers. When it moves from a buyers' market to a sellers' market, we raise our prices. Banks are in for some of the widest margins they have seen for years."

He said that the increase in margins would add millions to Lloyds' profit in future and it would be years before competition in the banking industry returned to the levels seen in the late Eighties.

Mr Pitman said Lloyds was well placed to expand after the recession. "A lot of our competitors are very seriously weakened. They have lost their capital." The slackening of competition allowed the bank to increase its net interest margin from 4.88 per cent in the first half to 5.33 per cent by the end of the year.

During the year, capital expenditure rose 17 per cent to £345 million, which Mr Pitman said would be the peak. Lloyds is investing in new computer systems throughout the bank and has installed touch sensitive screens in its finance department.

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JOHN MANNING

Counting cost of debt: Sir Jeremy Morse, left, and Brian Pitman announcing results

Brent Walker steadies shares

By Martin Barrow

BRENT Walker, the highly-geared leisure group, moved to steady a faltering share price by confirming that talks were continuing with its lenders to restructure £1.6 billion of bank debt.

Brent Walker shares fell 6p to 45p in nervous trading yesterday, amid speculation that the refinancing talks had encountered difficulties.

However, the company said that discussions were continuing according to plan and had been extended to include a deferred payment of £50 million that is still owed to Grand Metropolitan in respect of the £685 million acquisition of the William Hill bookmaking chain.

The High Court has given Brent Walker until the end of February to pay GrandMet but the company, which is considering an appeal, has yet to meet the demand.

After the statement the shares recovered to 48p but still nursed an eight-day loss of 8p. No formal deadline has been set for completion of the talks with the banks, including Standard Chartered, Hill Samuel and Svenska International, but both sides hope to reach agreement by the end of March.

Brent Walker has lodged a separate claim for £160 million off the purchase price, alleging that William Hill did not achieve £55 million profits in the year to end-September 1989, as promised by GrandMet. The two companies have asked Arthur Andersen, the auditor, to settle the dispute through arbitration.

Leamington Spa to merge with Bradford & Bingley

By Jon Ashworth

THE Leamington Spa building society has agreed to merge with Bradford & Bingley, Britain's eighth largest society.

The link, due to be completed by June, will put the Leamington Spa, which has been badly affected by the recession, on a stronger financial footing. Officials have denied that the merger is a rescue.

Leamington Spa, which has a strong presence in the Midlands and the Southeast, has been particularly hard hit by the fall in house prices and mounting mortgage arrears. Cameron Scott, its chief executive, said the society expected "a marginal profit or a marginal loss" in the current financial year.

Steven Spilsbury, general manager of Bradford & Bingley, said the merger would add 63 branches to its network, many in London and the Southeast where the society is keen to build up its market share. The Leamington Spa name will disappear, but may continue to be used on certain products.

Leamington Spa has been seeking a partner on the advice of the Building Societies Commission, which was concerned that a rising number of bad debts could pose a threat to financial solvency. The society has taken a "worst-case" scenario on its mortgage arrears, making its financial prospects appear even more bleak.

The Cheltenham & Gloucester, one of Britain's most acquisitive building societies, has been considering a merger with the Leamington Spa. However it is now believed to have decided against further talks because of the weak state of Leamington Spa's mortgage book.

Leamington Spa's 100,000 savers stand to earn a 1 per cent bonus on their investments under the present merger proposals.

A vote on the link is due to be taken soon.

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Serif team abandons buyout

By Jonathan Prynn

THE management team that launched a buyout offer for Serif Cowells, maker of the Trivial Pursuit board game, has abandoned its £12.4 million bid to take the company private.

Shares in the company slumped from 33p to 24p on the announcement after opening at 41p. The bid was launched at 50p in December in response to institutional demand for an opportunity to exit from their investment in the company. The management team controls 60 per cent of the group.

Leon Gilewicz, of Macarthur & Co, financial adviser to the management group, said the conditions to the financing package had taken longer to fulfil than expected. In the meantime, economic conditions had deteriorated.

John Pryke, Raymond Deeks and Michael Pratt, the three members of the management team, will return to their former roles within the company.

The abortive deal is one of several recent attempted management buyouts that have been caught out by a combination of economic recession and the increasing reluctance of banks to provide debt finance for deals.

Market caution on Gulf proposal

By George Sivell and Colin Narbrough

FINANCIAL markets reacted cautiously to President's Bush's suggestion that Iraq begin withdrawing troops from Kuwait this afternoon.

In New York the price of oil fell to its lowest since mid-July. April crude oil futures on the New York Mercantile Exchange (Nymex) slid 45 cents to $18.05 a barrel at midday in nervous trading. Prices then rallied 85 cents on Mr Bush's ultimatum before retreating to a seven-month low of $17.61 in spite of reports that a quarter of Kuwait's oilfields had been set ablaze.

Petroleum product futures were lower, too. March heating oil was down 1.20 cents at 60.20 cents a gallon and March unleaded gasoline shed 0.64 cent to 59.05 cents.

North Sea Brent oil for April delivery was down 28 cents at $16.57 a barrel.

In lunchtime trading, the Dow Jones industrial average was up 26 points at 2,917.83. The dollar strengthened but the price of oil and gold slipped. Gold fell to $358.75 an ounce, $4.50 down from Thursday's close.

London's FTSE index of 100 leading shares was up 1.9 points at 2,314.3 at the close. Dealers were reluctant to act ahead of what may prove to be an eventful weekend. The dollar hit DM1.5010 and Y131.95 compared with DM1.4915 and Y131.35 at midsession trading.

Sterling was buoyed by further hopes of a base rate cut. Spain gave no sign, however, of relaxing its interest rates, so giving the Bank of England scope to move within the European Monetary System.

On the money markets the Bank of England maintained its efforts to cool the base rate cut enthusiasts. For the third time in six trading days, the Bank acted overtly, offering money over a seven day period to the market at 13.5 per cent.

● Engineering industry sales fell a seasonally adjusted 5.5 per cent in the final quarter of last year, reflecting a 6.5 per cent decrease in sales to the home market and a 3 per cent fall in exports, government figures showed. Compared with the final quarter of 1989, sales were down 5 per cent.

New orders tumbled 12 per cent in the fourth quarter last year for a year-on-year fall of 11.5 per cent. Orders on for the same periods were respectively 6 per cent and 5.5 per cent lower.

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Exchange talks on Italian law

A delegation from the Stock Exchange met the Department of Trade and Industry last night to decide the British response to the controversial Italian SIMs law.

Brought into effect in January, the law requires foreign firms operating in Italy to incorporate there.

The Stock Exchange believes the law to be contrary to the Treaty of Rome and anti-competitive and wants it challenged under EC law. The government has yet to express its view. "We're still looking at it with a view to seeing what action we can take," said a DTI spokeswoman.

GrandMet deal

Grand Metropolitan said it has agreed revisions to its pubs and brewing deal with Fosters Brewing Group. Sir Allen Sheppard, chairman and chief executive, said the deal would mean a net cash in-flow to GrandMet of £600 million and a cut in gearing of about 15 per cent.

The Blue Arrow trial

Banker 'was assured' of deal's legality

By Our City Staff

THERE was no "atmosphere of criminal conspiracy" when top City advisers decided to support Blue Arrow's record-breaking £837 million rights issue, a merchant banker told an Old Bailey jury yesterday.

He had been assured it was legal and that there was nothing unusual in a merchant bank doing its bit to support a rights issue it was arranging, according to David Roper, senior vice-president of Dillon Read, the American adviser on the deal.

The prosecution has alleged that a multi-million pound package was put together by the advisers to make the 1987 cash call appear a success — and that this was at the heart of a conspiracy to deceive the market and enhance the reputations of those involved.

The rights issue was made to enable Blue Arrow to take over Manpower, a much larger American recruitment firm.

Mr Roper was being cross-examined by Jeremy Roberts QC, counsel for Jonathan Cohen, one of the defendants, on the tenth day of the trial. Mr Roper said it would not have been "customary practice" to inform the market that the merchant banks and the brokers were putting up their own money to raise the take-up figure of the new shares from 38 per cent to more than 48 per cent and agreed that such a move would have adversely affected the share price.

Mr Roper, whose merchant bank was also a sub-underwriter to the cash call, said the plan was put forward at a "gloomy" meeting after the issue flopped.

Once the advisers had taken up 48 per cent, the remaining shares would be sold to institutions the following day.

However, Mr Roper said someone asked immediately: "Is this permissible?"

Mr Roper said: "It was absolutely something like that I was concerned about. Alarm bells rang and I was going to ask the same question myself."

He said the reply was very clear, "that the late take-up had been authorised, checked or cleared by lawyers".

"That is my interpretation."

As a result, County NatWest, the merchant bank advising Blue Arrow, bought an additional 30 million shares, the employment agency's broker, UBS Phillips & Drew, bought an extra 10 million, and Dillon Read bought 10 million shares.

But Mr Roper agreed there had been no "atmosphere of criminal conspiracy".

Earlier, Mr Roberts asked: "If anybody was to suggest to you that evening in agreeing to these proposals you were involving yourself in a criminal conspiracy to defraud people, I imagine you would be pretty surprised?"

Mr Roper replied: "Yes, I would," and added that he would "stoutly deny" such an allegation.

County NatWest and its parent, County NatWest Investment Bank, Phillips & Drew and seven professional advisers deny a charge of conspiracy to defraud.

The individual defendants are Jonathan Cohen, deputy chief executive of NatWest Investment Bank and chief executive of County NatWest at the time of the rights issue; Stephen Clark, group finance director of County NatWest; David Reed, former executive director and managing director of corporate finance at County NatWest; Nicholas Wells, former County NatWest executive director and a former member of the corporate advisory department; Alan Keat, a partner in Travers Smith Braithwaite, the City solicitors who advised County NatWest on the rights issue; Martin Gibbs, former director of UBS Phillips & Drew; and Christopher Stainforth, former director of UBS Phillips & Drew corporate finance.

The trial continues on Monday.

● In a Press Association report of last Friday's hearing of the Blue Arrow trial, carried in *The Times* last Saturday, prosecuting counsel was incorrectly quoted as saying that David Reed, one of the accused, was present at a meeting with a Bank of England official on September 30, 1987, at which two defendants said they had "warehoused" shares in a way that would not require disclosure under the Companies Act.

In fact, Mr Reed was not alleged to have been at the meeting and counsel named two other defendants as being present.

Harrods workers may demonstrate

By Gillian Bowditch

STAFF at Harrods, the Knightsbridge department store, are expected to protest over the announcement that up to 600 jobs are to be cut at the store. Demonstrations outside the store during lunch breaks are a possibility.

Sean Galvin, spokesman for Usdaw, the shopworkers' union, said it had called on Harrods to provide the information on which the decision to cut jobs was based.

The union says that it is legally entitled to trading information from Harrods but the group, which is privately owned, does not readily give out financial information.

Usdaw represents about 1,000 of Harrods' 4,000-strong workforce, some 2,000 of whom are eligible to join.

The union held a meeting on Thursday evening and industrial action was discussed but it is unlikely that employees will go on strike. Harrods yesterday confirmed that the £250 million investment and expansion programme, intended to maximise selling space, is to continue without any cutback. Earlier this week the store opened its refurbished sports hall.

Michael Cole, spokesman for Harrods, stressed that 600 was the maximum number of jobs that will go and the eventual number could be less.

Harrods has given Usdaw an undertaking that it will not make any employees redundant before meeting with the union on March 5. Mr Cole said that negotiations were continuing.

Selfridges, the London department store which is a direct competitor of Harrods, has given an undertaking that there will be no large scale redundancies. It is negotiating with employees over pay and has so far offered a 9 per cent wage increase for the year.

Indicator points to lengthy recession

By COLIN NARBROUGH, ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

A FALL last month in the longer leading indicator, which identifies turning points in economic activity about a year in advance, could mean the recession will last longer than expected.

Central Statistical Office estimates showed the indicator falling 0.3 per cent to 94.8 after holding steady at 95.1 for the previous two months.

The drop in the longer leader, after a broadly flat period since April, means that all four cyclical indicators are showing declines. The CSO said the fall in the longer leader, which covers housing starts, company financial surpluses or deficits, Confederation of British Industry business optimism surveys, share prices and interest rates on bonds, was disappointing.

Ian Harnett, chief economist at Strauss Turnbull, the broker, said the figures pointed to the economy remaining "very subdued" for a long time, with recovery likely only at the end of the year, or possibly in early 1992.

He cautioned against reading too much into the optimism in the stock market, recalling that in the last recession equity prices began to pick up 14 months before the bottom of the downturn in the economy. "This proved to be a false dawn, and the bulk of price moves came in the six to nine months preceding economic recovery," he noted.

The shorter leading indicator, which tracks turning points six months ahead, eased to an estimated 89.8 in December from 90.7 in November, reflecting destocking, lower consumer credit and falling car registrations.

The lagging indicator, reflecting turning points nine months earlier, eased from 98.1 to 97.2. January data for the two indices are not yet available.

The coincident indicator, which moves in line with the business cycle, fell 1.4 in January to 87.5, down from 88.7 in December and 90.3 in November, reflecting the deepening recession.

Linread hit by stocks shortfall

By JONATHAN PRYNN

SHORTFALLS in the value of stocks in the commercial products division resulted in a 37.4 per cent decline in pre-tax profits to £2.1 million at Linread last year.

Peter Tahany, chairman of the specialist industrial fasteners company, said a year-end stocktake had revealed a shortfall of £770,000 against the book value of stock in the division. Steps had been taken to contain the losses.

Other divisions are trading profitably, Mr Tahany said, with businesses serving the aerospace industry showing particularly strong growth. However, given the difficulties in the automotive and aerospace industries, he viewed 1991 "with caution."

A final dividend of 3.7p makes an unchanged 5.7p for the year.

EC closer to lifting import curbs on Japanese cars

FROM PETER GUILFORD
IN BRUSSELS

EUROPEAN Community officials are optimistic that Europe's car manufacturers may soon accept plans to phase out import curbs on Japanese cars.

"The mood is excellent," one official said after Martin Bangemann, commissioner responsible for the single European market, held talks with Giorgio Garuzzo, the new chief executive of Fiat Auto who is one of strongest advocates of continued protectionism against the Japanese. The commission registered a warming of Fiat's position towards Japan.

But the chief reason for the optimism appears to be the refusal by Jacques Calvet, chairman of Peugeot and the most vigorous opponent of greater Japanese competition, to join a body set up this week to lobby collectively on behalf of Europe's biggest car firms.

Peugeot has given no reason for M Calvet's stand. But he apparently objects to the inclusion of Volvo, which is negotiating a venture with a Japanese company. He was also insisting on being appointed president of the new group, the association of European car makers (ACEA).

Vigorous opponent: Jacques Calvet of Peugeot

In a formal statement, commission officials said they regretted M Calvet's decision. But privately, one added that M Calvet's effective departure as Europe's most powerful obstacle to Japanese imports would "make life easier" for the commission in its efforts to strike a compromise between Japanese and European companies over quotas. France, Spain and Italy still operate national import restrictions on Japanese cars.

Herr Bangemann wants to phase out the quotas, giving Japan access to a steadily increasing market share over five or six years, beginning in 1993. M Calvet is pushing for a freeze on Japanese imports at present levels until 2003. Under Herr Bangemann's plan, Japanese firms will monitor their exports to Europe to ensure local car makers do not suffer unduly from increased competition. They will revise their export figures downwards if the European car market slumps. Brussels maintains the initiative already has the Japanese government's informal approval.

France has been a thorn in the commission's side, opposing Herr Bangemann's plan and threatening to count Japanese cars made in Britain as part of France's overall import quota. Officials yesterday soothed fears that Japan would be allowed to flood the European market via Britain, saying these so-called Japanese transplants in the UK will also be closely monitored. The British government insists they should be treated as British exports. But the commission believes, after intense negotiations with Tokyo, that the Japanese are eager to avoid upsetting either governments or markets in Europe.

The Brussels commissioners will shortly hold a meeting during which they may digest an appeal from Fiat and other car makers for dramatic improvements to research and staff training in the motor industry.

A commission source said Herr Bangemann was ready to offer more joint research funding if it benefits the entire industry. But he would look less favourably on R&D programmes which were tailor-made for each company.

Private port bill rejected in Lords

By ROSS TIEMAN
INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

A PARLIAMENTARY bill designed to achieve the early transfer of the Tees & Hartlepool Port Authority to the private sector has been derailed at its committee stage in the House of Lords.

Peers examining the private member's bill decided late on Thursday that they were not prepared to recommend it for a third reading.

John Hackney, chief executive of the Tees & Hartlepool Port Authority (THPA), said yesterday that he hoped the port management would achieve their objectives under the umbrella of the government's ports bill, which is expected to be enacted by the summer.

The government announced legislation enabling each of the 111 trust ports to turn themselves into private companies after the Clyde Port Authority and THPA initiated their own bills.

Peers will hear why the THPA bill foundered next week. Petitions opposing the bill had been received. The Clyde bill, which was unopposed, continues its progress through parliament.

Mr Hackney said: "We are disappointed. We are still talking to our legal advisers to see if there is any way to resurrect the bill, but we are not downhearted.

"We are still confident of succeeding. We have got the management and we have got the scheme and we have virtually got the finance."

THPA is among the largest of the trust ports, which operate under individual acts of parliament which dictate precisely what they may and may not do.

It has built up a surplus of £25 million, and is anxious to expand into related businesses. Mr Hackney believes THPA could form the hub of an agglomeration of privatised trust ports.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Telecomputing links with Gresham group

TELECOMPUTING, the loss-making Unlisted Securities Market software house that had its share price suspended at 11p this week, has announced a merger with the privately owned Gresham group of companies. The consideration for the all-share offer is not being disclosed.

Gresham, which has a turnover of £9 million and is profitable, operates in similar markets to Telecomputing and is based in Southampton. The enlarged group will be known as Gresham Telecomputing. The share price suspension will be lifted after the deal has been approved at an extraordinary meeting. Telecomputing also announced figures for the year to end-September, showing a reduction in pre-tax losses to £103,000 (£777,000). There is no dividend for the year (nil). Anthony Evans, chairman of Telecomputing said: "The enlarged group will have a stronger financial base."

Crespigny to merge firms

TWO related Australian mining resource concerns in the Robert Champion de Crespigny empire, Normandy Resources and Poseidon, are to merge. Poseidon shareholders are being offered four shares in the merged group (Normandy Poseidon) for every three Poseidon shares held. TNT will be the largest single shareholder with a 20 per cent stake.

MMI profits up on 1989

MMI, the financial marketing company floated on the Unlisted Securities Market in August, had pre-tax profits of £316,845 (£300,604) last year. Turnover was £1.45 million (£2.21 million). Earnings a share fell to 2.3p (2.6p). In 1989 they benefited from tax losses. A final dividend of 1p a share lifts the total to 1.25p (1p). MMI shares were formerly traded under rule 535(2).

Anglo United delay

ANGLO United, the fuel distribution company, has delayed repayment of £15 million of term loan to supplement working capital in response to higher than expected trading levels caused by the cold weather. Repayment, due on February 21, will be phased over the period to May 31.

The company, which borrowed heavily to fund the 1989 acquisition of the Coalite Group for £478 million, has also reached agreement with lenders led by Samuel Montagu to defer repayment of the outstanding £26.5 million of the original bridging loan.

Pittencrieff purchases

PITTENCRIEFF, an oil and gas investment group that operates in America, has made two acquisitions worth a total of $1.66 million. The company is paying $556,000 for producing reserves in Sweetwater Canyon, Texas, 35 miles west of its operating base at Abilene. Dopita Communications was acquired for $1.1 million to expand Pittencrieff's oilfield radio network in Texas.

Assets dip at F&C Trust

F&C ENTERPRISE Trust, an investment trust specialising in unquoted equities, saw its net asset value fall 3.1 per cent to 43.9p a share in 1990. This compares with a 14.3 per cent fall in the FTA All-Share index. Pre-tax revenue rose to £225,000 (£191,000) on total revenue of £1.68 million (£1.73 million). The dividend is 0.2p (0.16p) on earnings per share of 0.21p (0.17p).

THE TIMES UNIT TRUST INFORMATION SERVICE

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
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The prices in this section refer to Thursday's trading

* Yield expressed as CAR (Compound Annual Return) ● Ex dividend. c Cum dividend. k Cum stock split. s Ex stock split. m Cum all (any two or more of above). a Ex all (any two or more of above). Dealing or valuation days: (1) Monday. (2) Tuesday. (3) Wednesday. (4) Thursday. (5) Friday.

TEMPUS

Time to exercise a power of caution

Careful policy: at the share price announcement were, from left, John Baker, National Power chief executive, John Wakeham, David Clementi, a director of Kleinwort Benson, and Ed Wallis, PowerGen chief executive

IT MAY go against the grain to feel sorry for politicians, but John Wakeham, the energy secretary, has had an unenviable task in pricing the two electricity generators, National Power and PowerGen.

In the aftermath of the distributors' float last year, which sees one of the companies now worth double its selling price and the rest not far behind, even more attention than normal is being focused on the generators' sell-off.

These are extremely fragile markets in which anything could happen in the run-up to the offer's close on March 6. A point off interest rates and a victory in the Gulf, and a resulting three-figure stock market upsurge, would leave the shares looking cheap; bad news from the Gulf and falling markets would leave investors nursing a loss if the issue is not pulled by the City.

Mr Wakeham has chosen a cautious pricing policy that leaves little in the issue for the stag. On the basis of the notional dividend they would pay in the current year, the shares will yield 6.3 per cent, well below earlier City estimates and just 0.3 of a point above the minimum price institutions indicated they would pay.

The distributors, seen as far more stable businesses, although without the generators' chance of heady profits growth, also yield 6.3 per cent and water approaches 6.6 per cent.

In their favour, National Power and PowerGen not only represent a duopoly but, unlike the distributors, are also subject to little in the way of government regulation. A duopoly they will stay, brave efforts on the part of independent generation projects notwithstanding, until at least the middle of the decade, and they will see little real competition thereafter.

If they fail to exert their best competitive efforts, there is not much the government can do about it, short of dismembering the industry again. The industry faces enormous cost-cutting measures, already fully provided for in both companies' accounts, which will ensure healthy profits growth.

At the same time, the companies are committed to a progressive dividend policy. That policy, however, runs until 1993 only, the *annus mirabilis* when the power industry faces some momentous changes. Long-term contracts for overpriced coal drop out and the companies can take their supplies where they find them and at whatever price.

Beyond 1993, the situation is doubly unclear because the government's remaining 40 per cent share will become available for sale. The main danger is political; a Labour government would not only retain the holding and make life difficult for the industry as a whole but it would also require them to keep buying expensive British coal.

Private investors should keep their cheque books locked away until as close to March 6 as possible and monitor the market carefully. If it stays at the current level, this is not an issue for the stag or the unsophisticated investor. It should be left to the experienced player who can afford to tuck the shares away and take a chance on an eventual bonanza.

Lloyds Bank

LLOYDS Bank is thought to have been the most successful of the big clearing banks last year. If this is true, heaven help the worst.

The bank's figures barely live up to the most pessimistic forecasts. Profits before exceptional items fell 25 per cent to £591 million, even if the bank at least returned to a pre-tax profit after last year's £715 million loss caused by a £1.5 billion provision against Third World debts.

The figures are a stark illustration of how the recession has gripped the country. Domestic provisions rose 270 per cent last year to £732 million as the bank lost more than £2 million a day on a string of corporate and personal failures.

The bad debts prevent the bank recovering from the massive losses it has suffered on Third World debt. The capital ratio rose from 7.4 to 8.5 per cent during the year but is still so dangerously close to the Bank of England's 8 per cent minimum that the bank cannot undertake any significant expansion without a share issue.

Like other banks, Lloyds was guilty of gross overlending in the late Eighties, particularly to the services sector. It is now paying the price.

Conditions worsened during the second half, when pre-tax profits fell to just £183 million, 55 per cent lower than in the first six months. And they were flattered by a £125 million write-back from Third World debt provisions. The bank had kept the provisions, which were on dollar loans, in sterling, so it profited as the dollar depreciated.

Without this and the contribution from Abbey Life, the 60 per cent-owned life *assurance subsidiary*, *Lloyds'* core business would have made a loss in the second half.

The currency gain underlines the risks in modern banking. Had the dollar held its level, Lloyds' figures could have looked very sick indeed.

There are some reasons to be cheerful, but it takes an optimist to see them. Corporate lending margins are rising as competition from Japanese and American banks slackens. Assuming the bank can increase its loan rates by 0.5 per cent in the next two years, it could add a couple of hundred million to profits.

Costs, up by just 5.4 per cent last year, are under tight control. Lloyds quietly shed 4,000 staff last year and another 1,000 since the new year. Unprofitable outlets are being closed.

But Sir Jeremy Morse, the chairman, is painfully aware that this year will be better no than last. Bad debts have a habit of occurring after the economy has started to recover. In addition, the rise in unemployment could increase the rate of personal defaults.

Profits, optimistically, might reach £480 million this year, putting the shares on a p/e ratio of 18. But at least dividends have continued flowing. The payout for 1990 is up 15 per cent to 15.3p and could reach 17p this year, a yield of 7.1 per cent. Bank shares have risen strongly in recent weeks. On these figures, it is hard to believe they will continue to do so.

Wassall

YESTERDAY'S disposal by Wassall, the aspiring conglomerate backed by Hanson, makes only a bite-sized reduction in borrowings. But every little helps. For Wassall has been sorely restrained by its inability to sell unwanted parts of the Metal Closures group acquired just over a year ago.

Debt has remained far higher than Christopher Miller, the chief executive, intended and probably led to gearing of about 140 per cent per cent at the December year-end. But when Miller, who cut his corporate teeth as a Hanson employee, reports soon on 1990, he will nevertheless have a positive tale for shareholders.

The key test for a group setting out to follow in Hanson's footsteps lies in how well it identifies and executes its acquisitions. Wassall deserves high marks here. Having found an asset-rich target with static earnings and strong recovery potential, Wassall secured the firmest of platforms for its bid, a 30 per cent stake acquired from Suter, leaving *Metal Closures* with little fight.

Metal Closures' management has responded well to its new owners, improving margins and generating handsome cashflows. The exception was South Africa, where an attempt to buy in the 23 per cent minority shareholding in MC's local subsidiary was not well advised and met with staunch opposition.

Despite its inability to release cash through asset sales, borrowings that peaked at about £46 million last year have been trimmed by strong cash generation to perhaps £35 million. Given that Wassall's office furniture and Antler luggage businesses are both in recession-hit markets, this suggests that Metal Closures has proved a winner. The gearing is less uncomfortable than it looks too, thanks to that cashflow, which meant interest payments have been covered twice over.

This year, Wassall should find some bargains to buy though it will need to be persuasive if planning to issue paper on a sizeable scale. The shares have returned from the stratospheric rating that came with Hanson's backing and at 131p sell for about 12 times expected 1990 earnings per share. The Hanson connection and the success of Wassall's acquisition programme so far mean they are unlikely to get much cheaper.

Lord Hanson has publicly tipped Wassall as his share of the year. Not surprising, perhaps, given his 8 per cent stake, but it can hardly do them much harm.

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Wig Tpe App	202 +1

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FT-SE 100 VOLUMES

	Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000
Abbey Nat	2,992	Cadbury	2,934	L&G	1,854	Royal Bnk	1,006
Alld-Lyons	2,355	CU	826	Lloyds	6,824	Royal Ins	2,276
Anglian	449	Courtaulds	253	Lonrho	1,750	Sainsbury	874
ASDA	1,697	Dalgety	50	Lucas	1,611	Scot & N	792
AB Foods	242	Enterprise	383	M&S	3,039	Sears	2,409
Argyll	2,298	Eurotunnel	325	Maxwell Cm	407	Severn Trnt	311
BAA	2,267	Fisons	1,413	MEPC	291	Shell	[illegible]
BET	2,182	Gen Acc	920	Midland	3,721	Smith & N	[illegible]
BTR	2,007	GEC	5,852	Nat West	9,328	SK Beech	[illegible]
BAT	1,224	Glaxo	1,316	N W Water	1,394	Sun Alnce	[illegible]
Barclays	6,121	Grand Met	3,582	P&O	2,282	Tarmac	2,013
Bass	830	GUS 'A'	133	Pearson	217	Tate Lyle	[illegible]
BICC	1,234	GRE	1,813	Pilkington	1,120	TSB	[illegible]
Bk Scotlnd	989	GKN	759	Prudential	1,191	Tesco	2,259
Blue Circle	1,853	Guinness	1,122	Racal	6,876	Thames Wtr	1,186
BOC	296	Harris 'A'	106	Rk Hovis	919	Thorn EMI	578
Boots	1,712	Hanson	4,029	Rank	384	Trafalgar	3,384
Br Aero	870	H & C	357	R&C	20	THF	814
Br Airways	2,942	Hawker	99	Redland	628	Ultramar	448
Br Gas	7,754	Hillsdown	1,391	Reed	266	Unilever	329
Br Petrol	6,243	ICI	642	Reuters	1,018	United Bis	1,286
Br Steel	13,254	Kingfisher	854	RMC Gp	270	Wellcome	724
Br Telecm	7,162	Lasmo	387	RTZ	1,329	Whitbrd	1,502
Burmah Cst	225	Ladbroke	1,600	R-Royce	6,108	Wig Teape	1,401
C&W	1,678	Land Sec	536	Rothmn 'B'	92	Willis Cor	[illegible]

WORLD MARKET INDICES

Index	Value	Daily ch'ge (£)	Yearly ch'ge (£)	Daily ch'ge (lc)*	Yearly ch'ge (lc)*	Daily ch'ge (US$)	Yearly ch'ge (US$)
The World	633.8	−0.2	10.4	0.1	10.7	0.0	12.1
(free)	121.1	−0.2	10.4	0.0	10.6	0.0	12.0
EAFE	1093.8	−0.1	11.5	0.0	10.7	0.1	13.2
(free)	112.3	−0.2	11.4	−0.2	10.5	0.1	13.1
Europe	656.1	0.2	10.2	0.4	10.8	0.5	11.9
(free)	141.7	0.2	10.0	0.1	10.3	0.4	11.6
Nth America	458.5	−0.3	8.8	−0.1	10.4	−0.1	10.5
Nordic	1232.6	1.1	13.3	1.4	14.0	1.3	15.1
(free)	200.8	1.0	12.3	1.3	13.0	1.2	14.0
Pacific	2427.6	−0.4	12.5	−0.4	10.6	−0.2	14.2
Far East	3521.8	−0.5	12.6	−0.4	10.7	−0.3	14.4
Australia	251.7	1.1	9.6	1.6	9.3	1.3	11.3
Austria	1461.2	1.0	11.7	1.2	13.1	1.2	13.4
Belgium	777.6	0.2	10.1	0.4	11.0	0.5	11.8
Canada	446.3	−0.2	5.0	−0.2	5.6	0.1	6.6
Denmark	1222.6	0.4	13.3	0.7	14.3	0.7	15.1
Finland	66.7	1.0	3.6	1.2	4.9	1.2	5.2
(free)	100.0	−0.6	16.2	−0.3	17.7	−0.3	18.0
France	634.9	0.0	10.7	0.3	12.0	0.3	12.4
Germany	759.5	0.7	10.9	0.8	12.1	0.9	12.8
Hong Kong	2180.2	−0.5	13.3	−0.3	14.9	−0.3	16.1
Italy	286.2	1.9	12.1	2.0	12.6	2.1	13.9
Japan	3693.7	−0.5	12.6	−0.5	10.5	−0.3	14.3
Netherlands	767.6	−0.2	4.0	0.0	5.1	0.0	5.6
New Zealand	56.0	−0.1	8.9	0.5	6.6	0.2	10.6
Norway	1126.5	1.0	1.1	1.3	1.6	1.3	2.7
(free)	197.8	1.1	1.8	1.4	2.4	1.3	3.4
Sing/Malay	1635.4	0.5	12.8	0.5	13.1	0.7	14.5
Spain	194.5	0.6	18.5	0.8	17.1	0.8	20.3
Sweden	1360.3	1.4	19.5	1.7	19.9	1.7	21.3
(free)	193.0	1.7	16.3	2.0	16.7	2.0	18.1
Switzerland	797.8	0.3	13.1	0.7	14.8	0.5	14.8
(free)	119.9	0.0	11.6	0.4	13.3	0.3	13.3
UK	694.0	−0.3	8.6	−0.3	8.6	0.0	10.2
USA	416.5	−0.3	9.1	−0.1	10.8	−0.1	10.8

(lc) Local currency.* *Source: Morgan Stanley Capital International.*

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AETNA LIFE INSURANCE
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Life Funds

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Squirrel	14.79	15.57	+0.05	..
Bear	14.55	15.32	+0.02	..
Owl	14.67	15.45	+0.06	..
Bull	13.06	13.74	+0.15	..
Stag	12.98	13.66	+0.29	..
Gilt Edged	13.74		+0.02	..
Deposit	13.2		+ ..	..

Pensions

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Squirrel	18.60	19.58	+0.04	..
Bear	18.19	19.15	+0.04	..
Owl	18.60	19.58	+0.07	..
Bull	15.67	16.50	+0.21	..
Stag	15.11	15.91	+0.33	..
Gilt Edged	15.95		+0.03	..
Deposit	15.6		+ ..	..
Exempt App Mixed	170.3	179.8	+1.40	..

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	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Property Fund Inc	268.8	283.0	−1.6	..
Do Accum	436.9	459.9	−2.6	..
Equity Fund Income	122.2	128.7	+1.4	..
Do Accum	145.6	153.5	+1.7	..
Selective Fund	344.6	362.7	+1.4	..
Money Fund	302.0	317.9	+0.6	..
Prop Fd Ser 4	345.4	363.6	−2.2	..
Equity Ser 4	147.5	155.3	+1.7	..
Man Ser 4	436.7	459.7	+4.0	..
Conv Ser 4	267.8	281.9	+0.5	..
Money Ser 4	267.6	281.7	+0.5	..
Fixed Int Fd Ser 4	255.2	268.7	..	..
American Ser 4	287.0	302.2	+4.5	..
High Inc Ser 4	461.6	485.8	+4.7	..
Indexed Inv Ser 4	155.6	163.8	−0.2	..
Japan Ser 4	276.1	290.7	+3.9	..

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	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Equity Fd Acc	£10.81	11.38	+0.07	..
European Fd Accum	240.3	252.4	+3.2	..
Fixed Int Acc	386.6	406.9	−0.3	..
Gtd Money Fd Acc	274.1	288.4	+0.5	..
Intl Man Fd Acc	382.6	402.6	+2.7	..
Int Fxd Int Fd Acc	224.1	235.9	+0.1	..
Japan Fund	248.9	262.0	+4.6	..
Nth American Fd Acc	200.9	211.4	+1.7	..
Prop Fd Acc	335.0	352.6	+0.3	..
Multiple Inv Acc	720.5	758.4	+4.6	..

CANADA LIFE
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P Bar 51122

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Equity Growth	171.5		..	..
Managed	224.6	236.5	+1.8	..
Property	175.8	185.1	+0.1	..
Gilt & Fixed Int	171.9	181.0	−0.9	..
Index-Linked	148.8	156.7	+1.0	..
Equity	246.0	259.0	+1.9	..
Cash	182.4	192.0	+0.1	..
Midland Bk UT	234.9	247.3	+3.2	..
Midland Bk Int	236.6	249.1	+4.5	..

CANNON ASSURANCE
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081-902 8876

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Capital Gth Acc	87.3	92.4	..	..
Equity Units	£30.39		+0.62	..
Property Units	£28.44		+1.95	..
Bal Bd Exec Unit	£44.87	47.48	+1.75	..
2nd Equity Accum	447.3	473.3	+6.1	..
2nd High Inc/Accum	444.8	470.7	+24.3	..
2nd Property Accum	261.5	276.7	+2.0	..
2nd Managed 2 Acc	136.1	144.0	+0.4	..
2nd Managed Acc	318.8	335.2	+5.4	..
2nd Managed 4 Acc	146.2	154.7	+2.6	..
2nd Deposit Accum	233.9	247.5	+0.4	..
2nd Gilt Accum	218.9	231.6	+0.7	..
2nd Amer Accum	315.7	334.1	+8.1	..
2nd Intl Money Ac	198.4	209.9	+1.2	..
2nd Index Accum	142.4	150.7	+0.2	..
2nd Far East Accum	290.3	307.2	+10.5	..
2nd Global Accum	95.3	100.8	+1.6	..
2nd Euro Accum	115.5	122.2	+2.1	..
2nd Japan Accum	165.2	174.8	+6.7	..
2nd Heritage Acc	71.9	76.1	..	..
2nd Intl Curr Bond	108.8	115.1	+0.3	..

CITY OF WESTMINSTER ASSURANCE
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	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Property Fund	211.5	222.7	..	..
Money Fund	309.6	325.9	+0.5	..
Managed Fund	407.3	428.8	+1.7	..
Equity Fund	225.4	237.3	+0.3	..
Fixed Interest Fund	166.9	175.7	+1.2	..
Far East Fund	348.2	366.6	+18.5	..
Nth Amer Fund	94.1	99.1	+0.2	..
Nat Resources Fund	216.1	227.5	+2.1	..

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STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

Account ends subdued

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began February 11. Dealings ended yesterday. §Contango day February 25. Settlement day March 4. §Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days.

Prices recorded are at market close. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Where one price is quoted, it is a middle price. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

Portfolio PLATINUM

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No.	Company	Group	Gain or loss
1	Town Centre	Property	
2	Gibbs & Dandy Ord	Building,Roads	
3	Barr (AG)	Foods	
4	Queens Moat	Hotels,Caterers	
5	Erith	Building,Roads	
6	Chrysalis	Leisure	
7	Warnough	Paper,Print,Adv	
8	Yale & Valor	Industrials S-Z	
9	Barbour Index	Newspapers,Pub	
10	Sintrom	Electricals	
11	Bank Of Wales	Banks,Discount	
12	Tay Homes	Building,Roads	
13	BTR	Industrials A-D	
14	RMC Gp	Building,Roads	
15	Johnson Matthey	Industrials E-K	
16	Bulmer (H P)	Breweries	
17	Oxford Instruments	Electricals	
18	Farnell Elect	Electricals	
19	Chesterfield	Property	
20	Medeva	Industrials L-R	
21	Mersey Docks	Transport	
22	Yorkshire TV	Leisure	
23	Stacks Lea?	Drapery,Stores	
24	Resort Hotels	Hotels,Caterers	
25	Glynwed	Industrials E-K	
26	Bank Of Ireland	Banks,Discount	
27	Utd Newspapers	Newspapers,Pub	
28	NMC Group	Industrials L-R	
29	Yorklyde	Textiles	
30	Silentnight	Industrials S-Z	
31	Beazer PLC	Building,Roads	
32	Storehouse	Drapery,Stores	
33	BSS Group	Industrials A-D	
34	McAlpine (Alfred)	Building,Roads	
35	Clyde Pet	Oil,Gas	
36	Moorfield Estates	Property	
37	Spring Ram	Industrials S-Z	
38	Birkdale	Paper,Print,Adv	
39	Watts Blake	Building,Roads	
40	Electrocomponents	Electricals	
41	Hawker Siddly	Industrials E-K	
42	Marks Spencer	Drapery,Stores	
43	Fairey Group	Industrials E-K	
44	Wilson (Connolly)	Building,Roads	
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WEEKLY DIVIDEND

£4,000

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1990/91 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
224	119	Ryl Bk Scot	185	187	+1	11.2	8.0	8.7
802	613	Schroders	735	755	–	22.2	3.0	10.1
815	205	Stand Chart	270	275	-11	46.7	17.1	–
153	114	TSB	147	150●	–	8.8	6.7	11.1
611	400	Union Disc	565	570●	-1	46.7	8.2	10.0
525	284	Warburg SG	405	411	+4	20.0	4.9	7.1
170	80	Do 6% 'A'	138	141	+1	8.0	5.7	–
50¾	21¾	Wells Fargo	35½		+¼	–	–	–
279	128	Westpac	181	185	+3			
420	285	Wintrust	310	320●	–	11.9	3.8	8.5

BREWERIES

1990/91 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
524	408	Allied-Lyons	514	517●	+7	28.4	4.5	10.8
11¼	895	Bass	9⅞	10	–	43.2	4.3	10.2
170	124	Boddington	148	153	–	7.2	4.8	15.9
206	161	Bulmer (H P)	180	208●	+4	10.6	5.4	14.5
227	105	Burtonwood Brew	105	110●	–	5.3	4.9	10.1
410	290	Clark (Matthew)	405	413	–	18.0	4.4	14.2
286	115	Devenish (JA)	158	162	-3	7.1	4.5	11.7
115	48	Fosters Brewing Gp	53	55				
743	521	Grand Met	703	707●	-7	27.3	3.9	12.7
368	274	Greenall Whit	324	327●	-1	13.3	4.1	12.5
422	313	Greene King	417	424	–	13.6	3.2	15.0
823	600	Guinness	796	801	-4	21.7	2.7	16.9
955	670½	Hardys & Hansons	910	930●	–	44.7	4.9	11.2
280	182	Highland Dist	226	266	–	8.4	2.5	19.7
156	120	Invergordon Dist	152	154	+1	6.7	4.4	13.5
490	375	Marston	430	440	–	15.3	3.5	11.3
222	180	Marston Thompson	195	200	–	5.6	2.8	18.1
600	240	Morland	240	265	–	8.6	3.4	12.5
738	463	SA Breweries	700	720	-5	–	–	–
394	276	Scot & New	388	393	+3	18.2	4.7	14.0
329	174	Vaux Group	216	224	+5	11.7	5.3	11.4
495	360	Whitbread 'A'	483	487	+8	20.4	4.2	13.5
14¼	11½	Do 'B'	13	14	–	20.4	1.5	37.7
443	339	Wolvrmptn & D	438	447	+1	12.4	2.8	12.5
495	380	Young 'A'	380	400	–	16.0	4.1	18.5

BUILDING, ROADS

1990/91 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
130	40	Abbey	62	72	–			
504	180	Amec	240	245	–	13.0	5.4	7.1
132	17	Anglia Sec	45	48	+1			
155	73	Arncliffe	85	100	–	9.0	9.7	2.4
531	182	Attwoods	211	215	-5	6.3	3.0	18.5
259	180	BPB Ind	208	210	+2	15.0	7.2	8.9
144	69	Baggeridge Brick	83	90	–	4.2	4.8	10.2
71	25	Bailey (Ben) Constr	32	37	+2	2.5	7.1	3.7
185	87	Bardon Group	118	123	+1	5.1	4.2	12.8
215	87	Barratt Devs	78	81	-3	12.0	15.0	8.4
178	82	Beazer PLC	127	129	+1	10.3	8.0	7.4
227	144	Bellway	225	228	+2	14.7	6.5	12.2
41	9	Bellwinch	8	11				
280	142	Berkeley Gp	277	282	+2	6.0	2.1	9.3
142	105	Bett Bros	102	112	–	8.5	7.9	8.1
155	87	Blockleys	97	107	–	8.4	8.3	7.3
271	177	Blue Circle	257	260	+3	15.0	5.8	8.8
486	423	Boot (Henry)	460	480	+5	29.3	6.0	11.1
125	60	Breedon PLC	75	85	–	6.0	7.5	9.0
165	88	Br Dredging	129	134	+1	9.3	7.0	8.4
119	72	Bryant	106	108	–	8.4	8.0	16.7
115	71	CALA	95	100	+1	4.5	4.6	12.9
285	187	CRH	240	248	-1	7.3	3.0	–
83	33	Cakebread Robey	30	40	+1	3.7	10.6	74.5
162	25	Condor Grp	23	33	–	1.1	3.9	1.7
110	18	Copson PLC	15	20	–	1.3	7.2	84.3
315	148	Costain	203	285	-1	16.3	8.0	10.0
231	82	Countryside	128	135	+6	5.5	4.2	–
217	80	Crest Nicholson	93	95	–	10.2	10.9	24.4
143	50	Crosby James	55	65●	–	3.0	5.0	2.6
193	102	Dean & Bowes	98	105	–	8.0	7.8	7.6
433	285	Douglas (RM)	330	350●	–	14.0	4.1	7.1
46¼	29	Edmund Hldgs	31½	33½	–	2.5	7.7	5.9
75	48	Erith	68	73	+5	5.2	7.3	15.3
151	75	Everad	99	101	–	7.5	7.5	6.2
58	2	Finlan Gp	1	2½	–			
85	60	Galliford	83	88	–	5.7	6.7	10.5
185	80	Gibbs & Dandy Ord	80	108	+5	2.7e	3.0	59.2
768	560	Gleeson (MJ)	630	650	+17	14.4	2.3	8.6
208	75	Graham Wood	78	88●	–	10.7	12.9	2.5
162	46	Harrison Ind	60	65●	–	8.5	13.5	4.2
124	64	Hewden-Stuart	82	85	–	3.8	4.5	6.1
267	204	Heywood Williams	283	287	–	16.7	5.9	8.7
463	262	Higgs & Hill	302	308	+1	28.8	9.4	5.8
75	27½	How Gp	30	38	–	4.8	15.0	8.4
37	18	Howard Hldgs	18	18	–			8.1
152	77	Ibstock Johnsen	109	111	–	8.0	7.3	5.8
125	51	Jarvis	67	72	–	3.3	4.7	8.8
365	208	Laing (J)	287	292	–	17.3	6.0	8.2
98	23	Lawrence (Walter)	31	34	–	10.0	30.8	2.2
65	38	Lilley	44½	46	–	3.3	7.3	4.8
254	103	Lovell (YJ)	147	152●	+1	11.9	7.9	8.0
258	133	[illegible]	140	145	–	8.1	6.4	14.8
150	82	Marley	108	111	–	8.5	7.7	7.3
134	70	Marshalls	85	88	-3	6.7	6.9	6.7
98	52	Maunders (J)	95	100	–	6.6	6.7	8.8
365	208	McAlpine (Alfred)	242	247	+5	13.7	5.6	11.7
140	38	McCarthy & S	65	66●	+3	1.3	1.9	–
440	295	Meyer Int	430	433	-1	22.0	5.1	10.5
387	237	Mowlem (John)	307	312	+3	28.0	9.0	7.0
116	13	MSM	21	23●	–	4.7	21.4	3.0
195	112	Newman Tonks	145	149●	–	12.4	8.4	8.8
227	133	Persimmon	225	229	+1	9.1	4.0	8.9
118	34	Phoenix Timber	35	38	–	1.7	4.8	13.5
14	8¼	Pochins	8½	9½	–	32.0	3.7	6.2
186	114	Prowting	183	187	+2	6.7	3.6	11.2
745	470	RMC Gp	717	725	+5	24.8	3.4	10.5
114	77	Raine Ind	111	113	+1	7.7	6.9	8.0
648	451	Redland	635	642	+3	32.1	5.0	17.1
189	103	Rugby Group	175	180	+3	8.6	4.8	8.8
142	68	Sharpe & Fisher	80	85	–	5.3	6.4	8.1
143	103	Sheffield Insul	120	125	+5	6.6	5.5	9.7
182	153	Smart (J)	182	187	+1	8.8	5.8	6.8
24	13½	[illegible]	15½	18½	–			
455	308	Steetley	380	387	-1	18.7	4.7	10.0
289	188	Tarmac	283	286	-1	16.0	5.7	8.3
128	79	Tay Homes	120	125	+2	6.4	5.2	4.7
385	165	Taylor Woodrow	260	264	+3	12.2	4.7	10.5
655	407½	Tilbury Group	635	645	+5	43.3	6.8	7.0
219	180	Travis Perkins	215	222	+1	10.7	4.9	13.3
111	43	Try Group	40	45	–	8.0	18.8	2.3
82	57	Turriff	53	60	-1	20.8	35.1	1.4
172	66	Vibroplant	84	88●	+6	4.8	5.6	4.2
365	115	Ward Group	126	140	+3	9.6	7.2	3.7
95	48	Ward Hldgs	73	78	–	3.5	4.6	16.2
447	315	Watts Blake	412	420	+3	11.6	2.8	14.4
91	7	Wiggins	17	20	–			
384	240	Wilson Bowden	382	385	+3	10.4	2.7	9.8
182	141	Wilson (Connolly)	180	183	+2	4.7	2.4	10.7
285	183	Wimpey G	188	191	–	14.0	7.4	6.4
105	38	YRM	53	58●	–	6.7	12.0	4.2

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

DRAPERY, STORES

ELECTRICALS

ELECTRICITY

1990/91 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
195	100	East Midlands	179	181	-2	20.1	11.2	8.0
177	100	Eastern Elect	165	167	-3½	19.3	11.6	8.2
186	100	London Elect	179	182	-2	19.9	11.0	8.4
214	100	Manweb	198	202	-1	21.3	10.7	8.0
186	100	Midlands Elec	174	178	-3½	20.1	11.5	5.7
196	100	Northern Elec	187	190	+1	21.7	11.5	5.5
190	100	Norweb	189	192	+1	20.8	10.9	–
182	100	Seaboard	172	175	-1	19.7	11.3	8.5
209	100	Sth Wales	193	197	-2	21.3	10.9	5.9
190	100	Sth Western	174	177	-3	20.3	11.5	5.9
188	100	Southern Elec	171	173	-2	19.3	11.2	6.1
198	100	Yorkshire Elec	190	192	-2½	20.6	10.6	5.5
£1903	£1000	Package Unit	£1863		-£15			

FINANCE, LAND

1990/91 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
324	284	Abingworth	320	327	–	2.0	0.6	–
61	25	Aitken Hume	32	35	–	2.0	5.9	15.1
135	48	Ass Henriques	43½	48½	–	4.31	–	–
98	50	Authority Inv	45	55	–			
150	99	Baltic Plc	95	97	–	5.5	5.6	3.6
201	118	Berkeley Govett	150	155	-1	–	–	–
70	5	Burns-Anderson	9	11	–			1.1
31	16	Camellia	17	19	-1	32.0	1.8	20.8
298	183	Candover	255	270	–	10.7	4.1	29.3
61	20	Centreway	18	23	–			3.2
505	205	Harvey&Thompson	233	242	–	22.0	9.2	5.4
30	15	IFICO	15	18	–			21.5
113	53	Ivory & Sime	82	85	–	7.7	9.2	17.3
63	2	LIT	5½	6½	–			
285	233	Majedie	257	261	–	11.3	4.4	27.7
154	94	Nat Home Loans	143	144	–	12.0	8.5	8.8
55	22	Newmarket	21	24	–	–	–	–
53	3	Parish Plc	3	7	–	–	–	–
45	9	Rutland Tst	16	19	–	1.1	6.1	5.2
120	50	[illegible]	53	58	-1			
70	33	Singer & Friedl	43	46	–	3.3b	7.3	6.0
[illegible]	480	Sothebys	700	750●	–			
73	58	SJP Capital	66	70	–	4.0	5.9	–
349	165	[illegible]	200	203	–	–	–	–

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TRANSPORT

1990/91 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
333	187	Assoc Br Ports	205	210	–	9.0	4.3	9.1
472½	328	BAA	395	398	+6	16.3	4.1	10.7
240	122	Br Airways	149	152	-1	11.8	7.8	5.1
65	22	Boustead	27	28½	+1	2.1	7.5	5.8
383	318	Caledonia	365	373	-1	16.7	4.5	14.2
267	138	Clarkson (H)	155	160	–	10.3	6.5	8.4
765	73	Davies & Newman	80	130	–	–●	–	–
653	295	Eurotunnel Units	465	480	+10	–	–	–
59	17½	Eurotunnel Warrants	23	25	–	–	–	–
151	75	Fisher (James)	73	78	+1	6.7	8.8	6.4
188	77	Graig	72	82	-5	3.3	4.3	3.9
123	84	Hays	121	124	+2	4.7	3.8	12.8
75	36	Jacobs (JI)	42	45	–	5.7	13.0	55.7
202	113	Lep	134	138	–	8.3	6.1	9.3
35	15	Manchester Ship	15	20	–	0.0	0.3	4.6
211	133	Mersey Docks	182	188	+3	6.0	3.3	27.2
175	104	NFC	128	140●	-2	7.5	5.4	1.9
380	281	Ocean Group	323	330	–	18.5	5.7	13.4
55	30	Ocean Wilson	35	41	–	3.7	9.5	2.1
665	483	P & O Dfd	562	567	-11	40.7	7.2	11.0
114	76½	P & O 5.5%	87	94	–	7.3	8.0	–
400	259	Powell Duffryn	312	318	–	30.1	9.8	9.4
212	34	TIP Europe	56	58	+3	7.1	12.5	4.2
144	32	TNT	59	60	+2	–	–	–
333	243	Tibbet & Britten	328	335	–	10.7	3.2	17.1
585	305	Tiphook	377	385	+10	13.3	3.5	8.1
248	181	Transport Dev	230	233	–	12.7	5.5	13.2
245	85	Turnbull Scott	90	110	–	–	–	2.8

WATER

1990/91 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
313	209	Anglian Water	255	259●	-5	20.4	7.1	8.7
315	215½	Northumbrian	295	301●	-2	21.4	7.2	3.7
318	211½	North West	301	303●	-4	21.0	7.0	6.6
296	190	Severn Trent	271	274●	-3	19.8	7.3	4.7
300	197	Sthn Water	278	282●	-5	20.0	7.1	8.0
327	203	South West	297	302●	-1	23.2	7.7	4.8
315	206	Thames Water	291	294●	-6	21.4	7.3	7.2
332	219	Welsh Water	316	320●	-2	22.4	7.0	5.2
349	203	Wessex Water	348	349●	–	20.3	5.9	6.7
321	221½	Yorkshire Water	305	306●	-3	20.6	6.7	6.8
£2045	£1000	Package Unit	£2045		●-£38			

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RUGBY UNION

Morris the key as Orrell strive to reach semi-finals

By DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

A WRY smile comes to Des Seabrook's lips when he hears that **Wasps and Harlequins** gathered last night as part of their preparations for today's Pilkington Cup quarter-finals. "If they can meet on Friday night for a home game they must have lots of money," he says. "We have put all our money into buildings and we are in debt. It would be wrong for me, as rugby manager, to ask for an overnight stop when we owe money."

So it is that **Orrell**, champions of the North — and of the South-West now — will come out of Lancashire this morning to try to topple Wasps at Sudbury and, in passing, remind one of their own — Fran Clough — of his roots. Clough made his name with Orrell before going to Cambridge University, and he will be in the Wasps midfield today.

Nor is it coincidence that Orrell should have received messages of encouragement this week from such clubs as Bath and Gloucester. The South-West, for the first time in a decade, has no representative at this stage of the cup, but it can identify strongly with Orrell's homespun organisation which has not only brought them so far since the early 1970s but, more important, has kept them among the leading clubs in England.

"If we win we will have done exceedingly well," Seabrook said. "We have learned to win away from home in the league, but it's never easy. On the other hand, so many people want to see us fly the flag, people on the fringes want us to do well and we have a better side than in previous years. The key to it this season has been Dewi Morris. He's a very good player and he's helped Martin Strett, so our threequarters have gained considerably."

A big sponsor would ease Orrell's burden; the construction of their club is such that, running as many junior teams as they do, they can see what the shape of their first XV will be in five or ten years' time, but it is an expensive business just to transport their junior teams. They have received help from Heinz UK and from Pilkington, both of whom have bases relatively near. "If we had a major sponsor to finance the running of the rugby side, that would relieve us of a lot of travelling costs and the money we spend on medical equipment and rugby equipment," Seabrook said.

It is easily forgotten, too, that Orrell lost a complete midfield to rugby league over the last three years yet have remained one of the hardest clubs to beat, particularly at home, in the first division. They will go into today's game with only a slight doubt over David Cleary, the flanker, who has been recovering from a groin strain; Paul Manley stands by, but Cleary did everything required of him at a training evening on Thursday abbreviated by lashing wind and rain.

Wasps, last year's Courage champions, have yet to meet Orrell in the league this season. They managed a slim enough win, by 12-6, at home last season and will be content if they go through to Monday's semi-final draw today by a similar margin. However, three of the eight games between the clubs, including the only previous cup meeting, in 1984, have been drawn.

It would not be surprising if all four home teams won today: Harlequins, with their 11 internationals, will be favoured to beat **Rosslyn Park** but the Park, with the team that made such an impression in the first half of the season, will be very happy to go in as underdogs. **London Irish**, who travel to **Nottingham**, have yet to decide on their full back since Charlie Haly, the replacement for the injured Jim Staples, has had to return to Cork for a family funeral.

Northampton, who play Moseley at Franklins Gardens, have Gary Pearce, their captain, back from a night in hospital with a kidney complaint; Paul Alston returns to the back row after the completion of four weeks' suspension; John Steele, who was such a crucial element in their progress to last season's cup semi-final, has recovered from a damaged shoulder; and Tim Rodber, is fit after a bout of influenza to play lock.

TODAY'S TEAM NEWS

Harlequins v Rosslyn Pk
Harlequins field the XV which beat Gloucester in the last round. Park offer two B internationals, Moon and Dear, against their opponents' 11 capped players.

Northampton v Moseley
Northampton prefer Ward on the wing with Rodber replacing Hall at lock. Moseley, without the injured Purdy (full back) and Linnett (prop), play Arntzen and Lyman instead and fly Hardcastle from his job in Belgium to play stand-off.

Nottingham v L Irish
A bruised hip keeps out Taylor so Hudson hooks for Nottingham who have Gregory back to play stand-off. The Irish bring in Rolandi on the wing and Winchman, their New Zealander, plays flanker.

Wasps v Orrell
Wasps field the XV that beat Leicester with six internationals, including England props Probyn and Rendall. Orrell keep a back row of Cleary, Bibby and Ashurst with Strett looking to pass 250 points for the season.

Davies is back for cup game

By GERALD DAVIES

PHIL Davies, fresh from his successful comeback with Wales last weekend, returns today to play for **Llanelli against Pontypridd** in the only contest which contains premier division clubs in the sixth round of the Schweppes Cup. He is joined by his fellow Wales colleagues, Ieuan Evans and Emyr Lewis, neither of whom played in their side's convincing 53-16 victory against Bristol in midweek.

There is some doubt as to whether the match will be played because of heavy rain and there will be a pitch inspection this morning. No team has been successful at Sardis Road since Cardiff won last October. Phil May will play his 54th cup match, which is only two short of Ray Gravell's record for the competition.

But for **Bridgend** against *Maesteg and Newbridge against* Cross Keys, all the fixtures are between what was once thought of as senior and junior clubs. Ian Stephens, the Bridgend coach, is concerned that his team has so few representatives in the Welsh squad.

Neath, who host **Felinfoel**, are resting three of their internationals — Scott Gibbs, Glyn Llewellyn and John Davies. Mike Whitson returns after suspension and will partner Paul Jackson in the second row.

Emyr is called in to face France

By DAVID HANDS

ARTHUR Emyr, who has been so unlucky with injury this season, returns to the Welsh side which will play France at Parc des Princes on March 2. The Swansea wing, who will win his ninth cap, displaces Steve Ford, of Cardiff, in the only amendment to the XV which drew 21-21 *with Ireland last weekend.*

Although Ron Waldron, the Welsh team manager, denied when the team was announced yesterday that Ford was in any way a scapegoat, he did comment on lapses of defence which helped the Irish back into the match; in that respect, Simon Geoghegan, the powerful right wing from London Irish, did Ford's case no good at all.

Emyr, aged 28, has had a miserable season. He was dropped from the national squad before the game against the Barbarians in October after missing two medical appointments and then, in Swansea's first league match of the season, damaged his shoulder.

Having recovered fitness, he played for the Barbarians against Leicester just after Christmas and promptly tore ankle ligaments; since then, the bad weather has limited him to one full appearance in Swansea's senior side, against Penarth.

In his absence, the Welsh side has lost two and drawn one of their five nations' championship matches but no more whole-hearted player could be called on than Emyr. Otherwise, it was entirely predictable, despite somewhat premature criticism of Neil Jenkins, the 19-year-old stand-off half, that the more positive aspects of last Saturday's game in Cardiff should have ensured another chance for the same match squad for the game in Paris which, if France win, will give them the prospect of a grand slam.

"We hope Arthur will give us a bit more physical presence," Waldron said of the player who, in his last international appearance, in Namibia, scored two tries. "Ford has not been made the scapegoat for our draw against Ireland. We should have had the game against the Irish by the scruff of the neck but our discipline let us down. We gave them three tries and we must try to improve on our defence. We are working hard on that score and I am sure we will give the French something to think about."

WALES: P H Thorburn (Neath, captain); I C Evans (Llanelli), M G Ring (Cardiff), I S Gibbs (Neath), A Emyr (Swansea); N R Jenkins (Pontypridd), C J Bridges (Neath); M Griffiths (Cardiff), K H Phillips (Neath), J Davies (Neath), E W Lewis (Llanelli), G D Llewellyn (Neath), P Arnold (Swansea), M S Morris (Neath), P T Davies (Llanelli). Replacements: A Clement (Swansea), D W Evans (Cardiff), R N Jones (Swansea), K Waters (Newbridge), B R Williams (Neath), A J Carter (Newport).

Juniors tilt at Twickenham

By BARRY TROWBRIDGE

A FINAL at Twickenham may be only two games away for the eight clubs left in the Pilkington Cup, but it is even closer for four junior sides as the inaugural Provincial Insurance Cup reaches its semi-final stage this afternoon.

Designed for the bottom 512 clubs nationwide in the Courage Clubs Championship, the competition has been a resounding success, with new friendships being forged as teams have ventured beyond their normal geographical boundaries, and today's matches offer a perfect blend as the two town sides left in contention are drawn against the two old boys' XVs, in what amount to north and south play-offs.

The Rugby Football Union has responded by appointing two of its top referees to the games, and at Headingley Fred Howard will add the necessary authority as **Leodiensian**, a club formed by the old boys of Leeds Grammar Schol, play **Bradford Salem**. Leodiensian play their league rugby a division above Salem, but since September 1989, the clubs have lost only two Courage games between them and West Yorkshire pride will be at stake as well as a place at Twickenham.

At a time when senior clubs in the area are struggling to impress in league rugby, Leodiensian attracted more than 600 people to their quarter-final, among them a long-suffering Roundhay supporter, who, on witnessing Rob Aslett's outstanding performance, said: "If we could have your scrum half, all we'd need is another 14 players."

In the sixth round, some no-nonsense tackling in the centre by Giles Balmer went a long way to holding Wetherby at bay as they clawed back a 16-point deficit, but the Salem backs have all featured as the competition has progressed, and in Andy Gannon, at stand-off, they have the tournament's most *prolific scorer, his tally reaching* 102 points in the quarter-final.

At Marlow, Ian Bullerwell has the honour of keeping Bicester and Old Reedonians under control, although if representative presence is a pointer, the Oxfordshire club seems to have the upper hand, ten of its number having gained county honours.

Alex Hamilton, a Reedonian centre, brought forward his wedding a day so as not to miss the match, but since it took place in Edinburgh last night and half the side attended, the early-morning shuttle flight to Heathrow needs to be on time. Flying, though, will not discourage Reedonians. On the morning of their fifth-round match, Nick Richards, their stand-off, flew in from a holiday in Hong Kong . . . and went on to kick five penalty goals in the 15-3 victory over Hellingly.

TEAMS AND THEIR RECORDS

BRADFORD SALEM: S Hayden; R Gilgrass, N Klenk, G Sykes, A May; A Gannon, N Cummins; G Sharp, C Lamb, K Laban, S Goble, A Beaumont, G Scott, R Head, M Heap. Leading points scorer in Provincial Insurance Cup: Gannon, 102. Cup record: 80-18 at Hartlepool BBOB; 110-0 v Shildon Town; 19-6 at Leeds Corinthians; 12-9 v Ashington; 28-3 v Old Modernians; 7-0 v Manor Park; 12-6 v Melton Mowbray.

LEODIENSIANS: J Pickles; G Parlett, G Balmer, R Ambler, M Lennon; S Ellis, R Aslett; M Johnson, G Matthews, P Woodhead (capt), M Armstrong, N Clark, W Harding, R Fernyhough, J Hughes. Coach: C Hall. Leading points scorer this season in Provincial Insurance Cup and Courage Clubs Championship: Parlett, 72 and 67. Cup record: 28-0 v Rodillians; 49-7 at Jarrovians; 34-4 v Houghton; 13-3 v Furness; 9-6 v Silloth; 16-13 v Wetherby; 15-0 v Old Anselmians.

OLD REEDONIANS: G Bracewell; S Bailey, A Nevitt, A Hamilton, D Syms; N Richards, C Williamson; S Dilloway, J Isaacs, R Deane, A Applebship, P Grocott, S Tunbridge, D McCaffrey, A Hopping. Coach: L Dove. Leading points scorers this season in Provincial Insurance Cup and Courage Clubs Championship: Richards, Syms and Hopping. Cup record: 22-4 v Old Pelhamians; 26-9 v Old Epsomians; 28-0 at Ventnor; 24-14 v Barnet; 15-3 v Hellingly; 12-7 v London Cornish; 11-0 v Gloucester CS Tigers.

BICESTER: C Neal; A Sibun, C Vinell, M Walker, A Wade; N Smith, S Cassidy; D Spencer, D Cassidy, R Greenhalgh, G Hopkins, D Clayton, R Jenkins, G Few, S Grater. Coaches: I McMillan and S Grater. Leading points scorer this season in Provincial Insurance Cup and Courage Clubs Championship: Smith, 67 and 65. Cup record: 52-9 v Marlborough; 48-0 at Calne; 21-0 at Milton Keynes; 15-10 v Wheatley; 12-9 v Brockworth; 18-7 at Greenwich; 12-7 at Hucclecote Old Boys.

HUGH ROUTLEDGE

Young Pokey, far side, jumps the last with Shannon Glen at Kempton yesterday. Young Pokey won by a neck

Pragada proves an embarrassment

By RICHARD EVANS

JOSH Gifford's ruddy complexion was a deeper hue than normal yesterday after Pragada discovered the knack of jumping fences and won the Rap-Eze *Fruit Cup Novices' Chase* at Kempton.

For while the second, third and fourth horses home are all entered for the Sun Alliance Chase at Cheltenham in 18 days' time, the Findon trainer did not bother to enter his eight-year-old novice for the big race.

Looking to the heavens with embarrassment, he said: "I didn't put him in because I didn't think he would be ready. He has not been jumping well enough. I obviously wish I'd entered him now."

Pragada, who won the Coral Golden Hurdle Final at the festival three seasons ago, may revert to the smaller obstacles again and go for the BonusPrint Stayers' Hurdle.

Declan Murphy was riding his second winner for Gifford since Richard Rowe announced his retirement earlier this week and his coolness and style will have impressed the trainer. No decision on a stable jockey to replace Rowe will be taken for a while.

"He's a damn good jockey, but there is no hurry about a replacement. We'll have to see. He might not accept if I did offer him the job. He will have a few rides and meet the owners, so they get to know him."

Three miles round the sharp, flat Sunbury track is very different from Cheltenham but Bonsai Bud, who finished 11 lengths behind Pragada in third place, may benefit most from a tougher test of stamina.

Cheltenham entries were in abundance and Another Coral's victory in the Portland Handicap Chase will have heartened David Nicholson, who is planning an 11-strong assualt on the festival. Yesterday's winner has three entries but is likely to be aimed at the Cathcart Challenge Cup Chase for second season novices.

Denis Gray, six times New Zealand amateur champion jockey, gave Lean Ar Aghaidh a fine ride in the Corinthian Hunters Chase and the 14-year-old former winner of the Whitbread Gold Cup is now on course for the Christies Foxhunter Chase at Cheltenham and the Seagram Fox Hunters' Chase at Aintree.

Young Pokey could easily have won three of his four races this season, having been beaten a head and a neck in two of his outings, but his consistency and battling qualities were rewarded in the EBF Novices' Hurdle when holding off the determined challenge of Shannon Glen by a neck.

Oliver Sherwood ruled out a vist to Cheltenham but may be tempted by Liverpool's flatter and easier track. "He will be a chaser next year and whatever we have done this year is a bonus."

Black Humour, backed down from 4-1 to 9-4, justified market confidence and backed up by eight lengths in the closing Littleton Handicap Hurdle to pull off one of the biggest gambles of the season.

The Charlie Brooks-trained half-brother to Gaye Brief landed almost £200,000 worth of major bets.

The victory was also a reward for Peter Scudamore who had his leg broken by the hurdler when he fell and rolled over the champion jockey at Market Rasen last November. Black Humour will now go for the County Hurdle at the festival "provided the handicapper doesn't slaughter us," Brooks said.

Jinxy Jack impresses

JINXY Jack, trained by Gordon Richards, is 20-1 with Corals for the Champion Hurdle following his 20-length win from Past Glories in the Industrial Cleaners Morebattle Hurdle at Kelso yesterday.

However, his task was simplified by the absence of Jimmy Fitzgerald's Sybillin, who was withdrawn because of the heavy ground. Sybillin is now likely to go for the Fred Rimell Hurdle at Hereford a week today.

Hern team under orders for new era

By JACK WATERMAN

A NEW era began for Major Dick Hern yesterday when he was handed the keys of the £5 million Kingwood House complex at Lambourn.

Completed in only eight months, the stables are owned by Hern's principal patron, Sheikh Hamdan Al-Maktoum. "Without a shadow of doubt, it is one of the finest training establishments in the land," Hern said.

Pointing out that two Derby winners, Felsted and Windsor Lad, were prepared close by, Hern added: "As the French say, 'jamais deux sans trois'. I hope the third comes in *my* time at Kingwood."

To that end, for 1991, Hern has two main candidates: Bravefoot, the Dancing Brave colt owned by Lord Rotherwick, and Jahafil, by Rainbow Quest out of a Mill Reef mare, owned by Sheikh Hamdan.

Bravefoot has made a complete recovery after being nobbled last season. Like Jahafil, he has wintered well and will be aimed at one of the main Derby trials. By contrast, however, the stable has no Guineas prospects and is unlikely to have its first runners before April.

Although Hern and his wife, Sheilah, will continue to live at West Ilsley, the horses will start to move into their new quarters on Tuesday. About half the total of 68, of which 41 are two-year-olds, are owned by Sheikh Hamdan.

Following them on the 12-mile journey will be the stable staff and families from West Ilsley for whom *smart new* married quarters and hostels have been built.

The move has meant an upheaval in their lives following the controversy surrounding the decision that Hern was no longer to train at West Ilsley. But the trainer paid a warm tribute to his team and to Sheikh Hamdan for making it possible for them to remain together.

The new quarters are centred on two handsome 30-horse yards of traditional-style boxes with every modern facility. These lie next to the impressive 97-acre training grounds, which include two all-weather gallops, one of them U-shaped, and incorporating specially-designed gradients and turns.

Here, the Hern legend will undoubtedly continue and as he said: "It's an exciting time for the West Ilsley team."

Minorettes Girl looks the pick of Punchestown card

From OUR IRISH RACING CORRESPONDENT, DUBLIN

PADDY Mullins, who has a splendid knack of exploiting jumping mares, believes that Minorettes Girl will follow in the tradition of previous stable stars such as Dawn Run and Grabel.

She is unbeaten in three runs over hurdles this season and looks the banker in the Ir£20,000 Irish National Hunt Novices' Hurdle at Punchestown today.

Tony Mullins, who has ridden her in her last two starts, has had to give up the mount today as he starts a ten-day suspension for excessive use of the whip.

Mickey Flynn, who partnered Minorettes Girl in her first win, a 15-length victory over Trimlough at Galway in October, steps in once again.

She already has the easy beating of Good Team and while the Mick O'Toole trained Fosbury is unbeaten in three runs on the Flat and over jumps he has yet to prove himself in this sort of company.

Dermot Weld has ambitions of winning the *Daily Express* Triumph Hurdle for the second year in a row and his candidate this time round is Cheering News. He had a rating of 100 on the Flat at the end of the season and won snugly over hurdles at Naas.

He clashes with six previous hurdle winners in the Jurys Hotel Group Hurdle but should justify short-priced favouritism.

On their previous running when involved in a three-way photo finish at Leopardstown with Garamycin, there is very little to choose between Toranfield and Good For A Laugh in the Diners Club Chase. Toranfield disappointed next time and Good For A Laugh may turn the tables.

Call Collect, a leading Grand National contender, reappears in the E Brennan Ltd National Trial, but may need the race. Cloney Grange, who sprang a 25-1 surprise in the race 12 months ago, has gone up a lot in the weights since and Cushinstown is preferred.

PUNCHESTOWN BBC1

Going: heavy

1.10 JURYS HOTEL GROUP HURDLE (4-Y-0: £5,520: 2m) (9 runners)

1	6U6	ELAGUSKA 20 (B,D,G) L Browne 10-10	J Hyde
2	41	CHEERING NEWS 28 (D,S) D Weld 10-9	B Sheridan
3	04218	KUMA CHAN 107 (D,S) T Regan 10-9	H Taylor (7)
4	1774	PORT TIME 31 (D) R Donoghue 10-9	C Swan
5	5311	SIMPLY SWIFT 10 (D,S) P Mullins 10-7	T Carmody
6	02222	KEPPOLS PRINCE 7 J Houghton 10-5	A Powell
7	6575	TELL A VISION 20 J Mulhern 10-5	K O'Brien
8	1643	CHELSEA NATIVE 18 (D,G) Mrs E Finn 10-4	Miss S Finn (5)
9	25	TOPPING OUT 28 A Redmond 10-0	J Lonergan (7)

8-11 Cheering News, 7-2 Simply Swift, 9-2 Keppols Prince, 8-1 Tell A Vision, 10-1 *Topping Out, 12-1 Elaguska, 16-1 others.*

1.40 DINERS CLUB CHASE (Listed race: £10,800: 2m 2f) (7)

1	PPP12	DOZING BULL 9 (BF,S) P Mullins 7-11-0	T Carmody
2	1231	GOOD FOR A LAUGH 31 (D,G,S) A Moore 7-11-0	T Taaffe
3	321-P	RENARD QUAY 9 (G) E Bolger 8-11-0	L Cusack
4	135U	RIVER TARQUIN 9 (D,S) J Dreaper 7-11-0	K Morgan
5	775-4	SILENT JET 20 (C,F,S) M Dunne 10-11-0	H Rogers
6	3F422	TORANFIELD 20 (D,G,S) F Lennon 7-11-0	C O'Dwyer
7	20735	ORBIS 35 (CD,G) J Bolger 5-10-5	C Swan

7-4 Good For A Laugh, 5-2 Toranfield, 9-2 Dozing Bull, 6-1 Orbis, 8-1 River Tarquin, 16-1 others.

2.10 EDDIE BRENNAN LTD NATIONAL TRIAL (Handicap chase: listed race: £9,660: 3m 2f) (10)

1	1117-	CALL COLLECT 322 (D,F,S) C Mamane 10-12-0	C Swan
2	2F1U	CUSHINSTOWN 20 (C,S) D McGrath 8-11-12	A O'Brien
3	FP-85	ANOTHER PLANO 20 (S) Mrs S Macken 10-11-9	—
4	20P1F	CLONEY GRANGE 20 (B,CD,F,S) J O'Connor 12-11-8	D O'Connor
5	22-6F	LANIGANS WINE 20 (C,S) V O'Brien 9-11-1	K Morgan
6	01U24	RAGGED RIVER 7 (C,S) M Hickey 9-11-1	A Powell
7	0546	ABBENOIR 34 (C,S) F Flood 9-11-0	C O'Dwyer
8	25P05	MONKSVILLE 9 (G,S) F Lennon 8-10-0	T Carmody
9	5F374	NEWTOWN GAZETTE 17 (B,S) T Walsh 8-9-7	B Sheridan
10	4231	WHAT A MISTAKE 9 (S) A Dunphy 8-9-7	W Slattery

3-1 Cushinstown, 4-1 Cloney Grange, 6-1 Call Collect, 7-1 Ragged River, 10-1 Abbenoir, Monksville, 12-1 Lanigans Wine, 16-1 others.

2.40 IRISH NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE (Listed race: £14,000: 2m 2f 110yd) (10)

1	12221	GOOD TEAM 21 (D,S) A Moore 6-11-10	T Taaffe
2	-3111	MINORETTES GIRL 58 (D,S) P Mullins 6-11-9	M Flynn
3	111	FOSBURY 146 (D,F,G,S) M O'Toole 6-11-8	J Banahan
4	54217	JOE'S A BOY 21 (C,S) D McDonogh 6-11-6	K Morgan
5	1-113	MORE OF IT 49 (BF,G,S) E O'Grady 6-11-6	C Swan
6	40F61	BUY A DREAM 28 (D,S) F Lennon 5-11-5	C O'Dwyer
7	5151	HOW'S THE BOSS 28 (C,S) J Brassil 5-11-3	J Titley
8	77604	PROVERB PRINCE 21 (D,F) P McCartan 7-11-2	C Bowens
9	15232	COCK COCKBURN 21 (G,S) J Queally 5-10-13	B Sheridan
10	31224	GLITTER GREY 7 (S) J Scott 5-10-12	P MacWilliams

11-8 Minorettes Girl, 3-1 More Of It, 5-1 Good Team, 7-1 How's The Boss, 8-1 Glitter Grey, 12-1 Cock Cockburn, Fosbury, 16-1 others.

Blinkin' Nora to lift Vale qualifier

By BRIAN BEEL

WONDER Willet has the best form in *The Times Championship qualifier at the Vale of* Clettwr point-to-point today. But, in four years of campaigning, he has not proved to be an early-season horse.

My preference is for Blinkin' Nora, who did little of note last season but ran well before coming to grief at the last when in contention at the Dart Vale last Saturday.

The North Hereford, with 84 entries, have split their qualifier. In division one, the best of those seen in 1990 are Prevada and Some Cash. However, a newcomer who commands respect Just Patrimony, a promising hurdler bought out of Oliver *Sherwood's* yard.

With Mountain Glen "about five days off being ready", and none of the newcomers making any appeal, the second division may be between Ruff Rider and Stanford Boy. My preference is for Ruff Rider, who only ran twice last season, being second on this course prior to winning a 17-runner maiden at Bredwardine.

The Mendip Farmers have received 288 entries — a record — and may have to split the ladies' open, adjacent and open after runners are declared, making a possible 11-race card.

An earlier start of 11.15 has resulted *from a surfeit of entries* at the **Cheshire Forest** where, like the Army, there is a Land Rover qualifier.

Mossy Moore looks set to complete a double in the ladies' open at the West Percy while Roving Glen could atone for his last fence fall on Monday if he turns out in the adjacent at the **Bolventor** where there is a 7.30 inspection.

The best bet at the Waveney may be Periscope in the ladies' open and Golden Shoon in the restricted.

THE TIMES
Point-to-point Championship

TODAY'S MEETINGS: Army, Tweseldown, 3m W of Aldershot (first race 12.30); Bolventor, Lemalla, 6m SW of Launceston (1.0); Cheshire Forest, Patton Park, 2m N of Knutsford (11.15); Mendip Farmers, Nedge, 5m NE of Wells (12.30); North Hereford, Whitwick, 7m NE of Hereford (12.0); Vale of Clettwr, Erw Lon, 10m N of Carmarthen (12.0); Waveney Harriers, Higham, 7m NE of Colchester (12.0); West Percy, Alnwick, 3m E of town (1.0); Suffolk, Ampton, 4m N of Bury St Edmunds (12.30).

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS: OXFORD UNIVERSITY: Farmers: 1, Great Granny Smith (J Trice-Rolph, 4-1); 2, Sea Member; 3 Near Exchange. 9 ran. Rest I: 1, Rapidan River (A Hill, 3-1); 2, Bladon's Time; 3, Farmer's Toast. 9 ran. Rest II: 1, Kinsbourne Bay (L Lay, 2-1); 2, Unbeatable Tipp-Ex; 3, Legend King. 8 ran. Members: 1, Reffolds (I Balding, 7-2); 2, White Paper; 3, This Sunday. 8 ran. Open: 1, Plassey Bridge (G Johnson Houghton, 25-1); 2, Beech Grove; 3, My Major. 12 ran. Ladies: 1, Jimster (Mrs P Nash, 7-4 fav); 2, Tamosaga; 3, Ruby Flame. 11 ran. *Mdn I*: 1, Sparc-A-Light (J Trice-Rolph, 5-2); 2, Madam Advocate; 3, Charlie Johnson. 14 ran. Mdn II: Ixor (T Jones, 7-4 fav); 2, Credit Cut; 3, Kiln Copse. 17 ran.

Results from yesterday's three meetings

Kempton Park

Going: good (good to firm patches on chase course)

2.15 (2m hdle) 1, YOUNG POKEY (J Osborne, 11-4); 2, Shannon Glen (M Pitman, 3-1); 3, Kiwi L'Eglise (N Hawke, 33-1). ALSO RAN: 7-4 fav Hurricane Hugo (5th), 14 Country Member, Sunday Punch, 25 Ballyanto (6th), 33 Achill Island, Kindled's Clown, May-Day-Baby, Unshakeable (4th), 66 Piss-Handy, Raba Riba, Red Scorpion, Triumphant Chief, Young Alfie. 16 ran. NR: Back From The Dead, Idleigh's Tudor. Nk, 12l, nk, 12l, 3l. O Sherwood at Upper Lambourn. Tote: £3.90; £1.30, £1.70, £6.60. DF: £6.90. CSF: £11.25.

2.45 (3m ch) 1, PRAGADA (D Murphy, 10-1); 2, Whats The Crack (B Dowling, 6-1); 3, Bonsai Bud (P Verling, 11-2). ALSO RAN: 2 fav Gold Cap (5th), 5-2 Southerly Buster (4th), 12 Senator Of Rome (6th), 20 Brief Encounter (pu), 25 Duckhaven (pu), 33 True Clown (pu), 100 Courageous Charger (pu). 10 ran. 5l, 6l, 3½l, 25l, ½l. J Gifford at Findon. Tote: £9.10; £1.70, £2.00, £2.10. DF: £31.50. CSF: £57.56.

3.15 (3m hdle) 1, RIVERSIDE BOY (P Scudamore, 11-8 fav); 2, G W Superstar (R Dunwoody, 7-4); 3, Jamaica George (P Barnard, 25-1). ALSO RAN: 6 Ard T'Match (5th), 16 Polar Vision (6th), 20 Purple Point (4th), Reed Gate Lucy, Rapid Ground, 25 Frosty Reception, 33 Louis Farrell, Solo Artist (pu), 50 Stakeington, Cuva, Mr Gee, Raglan Road, Touch Of Winter (pu), Silly Habit, The Quaker (pu). 18 ran. 3½l, 2l, 8l, 15l, 20l. M Pipe at Wellington. Tote: £2.00; £1.50, £1.70, £3.20. DF: £2.30. CSF: £4.43.

3.45 (2m 4f ch) 1, ANOTHER CORAL (R Dunwoody, 5-2 fav); 2, Combermere (J Frost, 11-2); 3, Moe-Defa (P Scudamore, 7-2). ALSO RAN: 9-2 Nodform (pu), 7 Decided (f), 9 Imadyme (f), 20 I Like It A Lot (ur). 7 ran. 2l, dist. D Nicholson at Stow on the Wold. Tote: £3.10; £1.50, £3.00. DF: £9.70. CSF: £14.94.

4.15 (3m ch) 1, LEAN AR AGHAIDH (Mr D Gray, 11-4); 2, Certain Light (Mr P Hacking, 11-2); 3, Ahedow (Mr K Hollowell, 33-1). ALSO RAN: 9-4 fav Wellington Brown (4th), 7-2 Bolands Cross (5th), 20 Mishnil, Fifty Bucks (f), 25 Master Hardy (ur), 40 Mr Finnies, 50 King Of Diamonds, Little Dutty, 66 Grouse Moor (6th), Peach Leaf. 13 ran. 2½l, ½l, 3½l, 6l, 20l. S Mellor at Swindon. Tote: £2.90; £1.60, £2.00, £2.70. DF: £6.80. CSF: £17.38.

4.45 (2m 4f hdle) 1, BLACK HUMOUR (P Scudamore, 9-4 fav); 2, Clifton Chapel (R Teague, 20-1); 3, Re-Release (D Richmond, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 11-2 Va Lute, 8 Celtic Barle (f), 9 Pearl Prospect, 10 Cythere (6th), 11 None So Wise (pu), 12 Ohiostar, 14 Pipers Copse (4th), 20 Oubliez L'Ennui, Miramac (ur), 25 None Too Dear (ur), Rosbury (5th), 33 Look Lively. 15 ran. 8l, 6l, 4l, 2½l, 1½l. C Brooks at Upper Lambourn. Tote: £3.60; £2.20, £3.10, £3.00. DF: £54.40. CSF: £47.46. Tricast: £380.01.

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Kelso

Going: soft with heavy patches

2.0 (2m 6f hdle) 1, GRANARY GRAIN (P Niven, 11-4 fav); 2, Celtic Breeze (J Callaghan, 16-1); 3, Regal Estate (D J Moffatt, 3-1). ALSO RAN: 11-2 Unor (pu), 13-2 Gone Astray (6th), 8 Aston Again (pu), 14 Political Issue, 20 Smart Pal, 25 Wheat Fettle (5th), 66 Fast Recovery, Ginger Pink, Mothecombe (pu), 100 Cop For That (4th), 500 Brave The Storm (pu). 14 ran. Nk, 8l, 2l, 15l, 2l. J S Wilson at Ayr. Tote: £3.20; £2.20, £3.50, £1.10. DF: £30.00. CSF: £41.22. After a stewards' enquiry, placings stand.

2.30 (3m ch) 1, FORMULA ONE (N Williamson, 13-8 fav; Mandarin's nap); 2, Roy's Dream (C Hawkins, 20-1); 3, Paco's Boy (L Wyer, 20-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 Jesters Prospect (4th), 11-2 Farnworth (pu), 7 Buckby Folly (5th), 14 Bantel Buccaneer, 25 Pollibrig, 33 Sharp Opinion, Watersign (pu), 50 He Who Dares Wins, Marlefield (pu), 66 Hallo Fountain (6th), 100 Knowe Head, 500 Linlithgow Palace (pu). 15 ran. NR: Distant Cherry. 3l, 20l, 7l, 1l, 7l. J Edwards at Ross-on-Wye. Tote: £2.20; £2.10, £2.50, £4.70. DF: £75.10. CSF: £31.83.

3.0 (2m 2f hdle) 1, ABBOT OF FURNESS (N Doughty, 13-8 fav); 2, Vestal Hills (A Orkney, 20-1); 3, All Welcome (M Dwyer, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 2 Danny Connors (4th), 9 Hot Star, 12 Emeritus, 20 Glen Morvern (6th), Stagshaw Belle (5th), 33 Flash Of Realm (pu), Crosshot, 50 Military Secret, 100 Let's Move (pu), 200 Floster (pu), 500 National Velvet (pu), 1000 Abe My Boy (pu), Supermarine (pu). 16 ran. NR: Flowing River, Skipton Wood. 12l, 15l, 1½l, 2l, 3½l. G Richards at Greystoke. Tote: £2.60; £1.20, £2.10, £5.80. DF: £23.10. CSF: £32.26.

3.30 (3m 4f ch) 1, HIGH EDGE GREY (Miss S Forster, 9-1); 2, Killone Abbey (Mr K Johnson, 10-1); 3, Wet Pet (Mr S Heslop, 200-1). ALSO RAN: 5-2 fav Jelupe (pu), 4 Plenty Crack (ur), 13-2 Forest Ranger (6th), 7 Pampering, 11 Bob Tisdall (f), Joint Sovereignty, 16 Tartavie (5th), 33 Shepherd's Hymn (ur), 50 Reiver's Lad (4th). 12 ran. 30l, ½l, nk, 5l, 10l. K Oliver at Hawick. Tote: £4.90; £1.20, £4.30, £48.90. DF: £37.90. CSF: £87.58.

4.0 (2m hdle) 1, JINXY JACK (N Doughty, 8-11 fav); 2, Past Glories (J J Quinn, 7-2); 3, Kharif (J Callaghan, 11-4). ALSO RAN: 16 Casual Pass (4th), 50 Ellie On (su). 5 ran. NR: Sybillin, Leigh Boy. 20l, 20l, 30l. G Richards at Greystoke. Tote: £1.80; £1.50, £2.50. DF: £2.80. CSF: £3.81.

4.30 (3m ch) 1, ALLERYBAR (Mr J Grossick, 25-1); 2, Mystic Music (Mr K Anderson, 20-75 fav); 3, Straight Pilot (Mr S Swiers, 6-1). ALSO RAN: 14 Cannon Lad (4th), 20 Davbeton (pu), 50 Any Obeful (pu), 66 Majestic Mask (5th). 7 ran. 25l, 25l, dist, 15l. R Kyle at Hawick. Tote: £14.60; £1.90, £1.40. DF: £6.10. CSF: £31.45.

5.0 (2m flat) 1, HAZLEWOOD GLEN (W Fry, 9-2); 2, Degaz (Mr R Davis, 9-2); 3, Raith Homes (N Leach, 5-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 fav Highland Rally (4th), 13-2 More Swag (5th), 15-2 Countorus (6th), 8 Ted's Future, 20 Possible Star, 25 Miss Jedd, 33 Macmurphy, Derry's Delight. 11 ran. 2l, 3½l, 25l, ½l, 12l. T Tate at Tadcaster. Tote: £9.60; £4.80, £1.90, £3.40. DF: £8.80. CSF: £25.15.

Placepot: £47.60.

Southwell

Going: standard

2.10 (7f) 1, Peaidanamich (Alex Greaves, 4-1); 2, Crystal Heights (5-4 fav); 3, Will He Or Wont He (11-4). 6 ran. ½l, 6l. T Barron. Tote: £7.00; £2.20, £1.60. DF: £4.00. CSF: £9.50.

2.40 (6f) 1, Haky (Emma O'Gorman, 2-1 jt-fav); 2, On The Edge (5-1); 3, Ensharp (16-1). Super Benz 2-1 jt-fav. 8 ran. NR: Where's Carol. 4l, 1½l. W O'Gorman. Tote: £3.10; £2.10, £2.90. DF: £3.40. CSF: £11.73.

3.10 (6f) 1, Verro (N Carlisle, 14-1); 2, Arc Lamp (10-1); 3, Mossy Rose (5-1). Tophams 7-2 fav. 12 ran. ½l, 1l. J Bennett. Tote: £50.00; £3.60, £1.80, £2.00. DF: £187.00. CSF: £143.20. Tricast: £741.72.

3.40 (1m) 1, Amenable (Alex Greaves, 7-4 fav); 2, Vite Vite (8-1); 3, Hand Palmed (12-1). 17 ran. NR: Stealthy. 8l, 1l. T Barron. Tote: £3.80; £1.90, £1.90, £2.50. DF: £13.70. CSF: £19.62.

4.10 (7f) 1, Gavin Allen (Mick Denaro, 8-11 fav); 2, Wallangriff (14-1); 3, Faldo (25-1). 13 ran. ½l, 1½l. C Allen. Tote: £1.80; £1.10, £2.90, £12.40. DF: £22.40. CSF: £14.17.

4.40 (1m 4f) 1, Cribella (N Carlisle, 7-2); 2, Taj Victory (11-2); 3, Mystery Band (3-1). Tymippy 2-1 fav. 7 ran. 8l, 1½l. P Calver. Tote: £3.50; £3.20, £1.50. DF: £19.20. CSF: £22.03.

Placepot: £468.40.

● Tyrone Williams will be retained by Wally Carter, the Epsom trainer, this year.

Lingfield deal likely soon

LINGFIELD Park racecourse, on the market for more than a year, is likely to change hands soon. A spokesman for Cork Gully, the receivers acting for the Surrey course, said: "We're hopeful of closing a sale in the not too distant future."

Among the names linked with the possible purchase is Trevor Hemmings, chairman of the Chorley-based Pontins Group, who has horses in training with Stan Mellor.

● Lester Piggott has been given a last-minute ride in tomorrow's Hong Kong Derby on outsider Mastermind after Patrick Biancone reversed his midweek decision not to run the horse.

● Formula One, trained by John Edwards, is on course for the Sun Alliance Chase at Cheltenham next month after a decisive victory in the Bet With The Tote Novices' Chase at Kelso yesterday.

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For readers who may have missed a copy of *The Times* this week, we repeat below the week's *Portfolio* price changes (today's are on page 37).

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1	+6	+7	+6	+5	+5		
2	+7	+5	+6	+3	+3		
3	+7	+5	+4	+6	+6		
4	+5	+9	+3	+6	+4		
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39	+6	+5	+4	+5	+6		
40	+6	+6	+7	+3	+2		
41	+5	+7	+3	+6	+6		
42	+7	+5	+3	+5	+7		
43	+7	+5	+7	+3	+4		
44	+9	+6	+6	+2	+4		

Ombudsman rules on payout

By SARA McCONNELL

A COUPLE who lost £62,000 to a fraudulent adviser after he claimed he was investing the money in National Provident Institution (NPI) capital investment bonds has been paid £31,000 by the company after an unprecedented recommendation from the insurance ombudsman.

Julian Farrand, the ombudsman, said that NPI was not legally liable for the actions of its agent, Andrew Maher, formerly of Berkeley House International, the financial advisers, because NPI had been unaware that any policy documents for bonds had been issued. The company had received no money from Mr Maher. However, Dr Farrand, in his decision of February 11, said that the "extreme hardship" suffered by David and Lynn Garrard in the past two years had led him to make the non-binding recommendation that NPI and the Garrards should bear the loss equally.

Dr Farrand said this was the first time he had made such a recommendation but hoped it would not be the last. NPI said last year that it would not consider compensation but this week welcomed the recommendation. However, Mr Garrard said he was not satisfied with the payment of £31,000. "I am not going to let it drop. We have moved into two caravans, I am taking tablets for stress and I can't get a job because I'm 43. Thousands of people are being ripped off by independent intermediaries."

In September last year, Weekend Money revealed that Mr Garrard, formerly a printer at the *Evening Standard*, invested his £70,000 redundancy payment in what he thought was NPI capital investment bonds, recommended by Mr Maher.

After investing an initial £30,000, Mr Garrard was advised by Mr Maher to take out a £50,000 mortgage to free more money for investment. The Garrards invested a further £40,000. The policy documents turned out to be forged photocopies with the personal details of legitimate policyholders whited out. Mr Maher paid Mr Garrard back £8,000 but £62,000 was still missing. Mr Maher was convicted of fraud last April and is serving a four-year prison sentence.

A total of £300,000 was invested by Mr Garrard, his father, William Garrard, and 17 other investors, with Mr Garrard leading the fight for compensation. The ombudsman said other cases would be dealt with individually.

Lost investment: Mr Garrard is still dissatisfied

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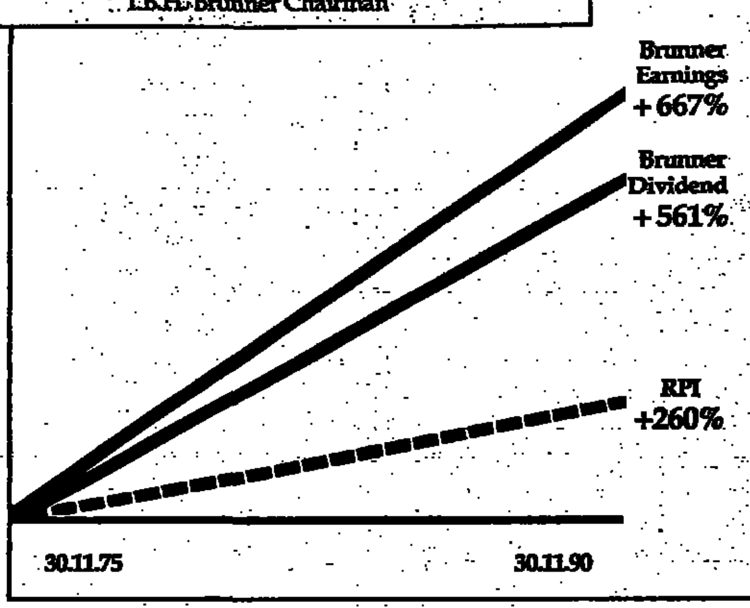

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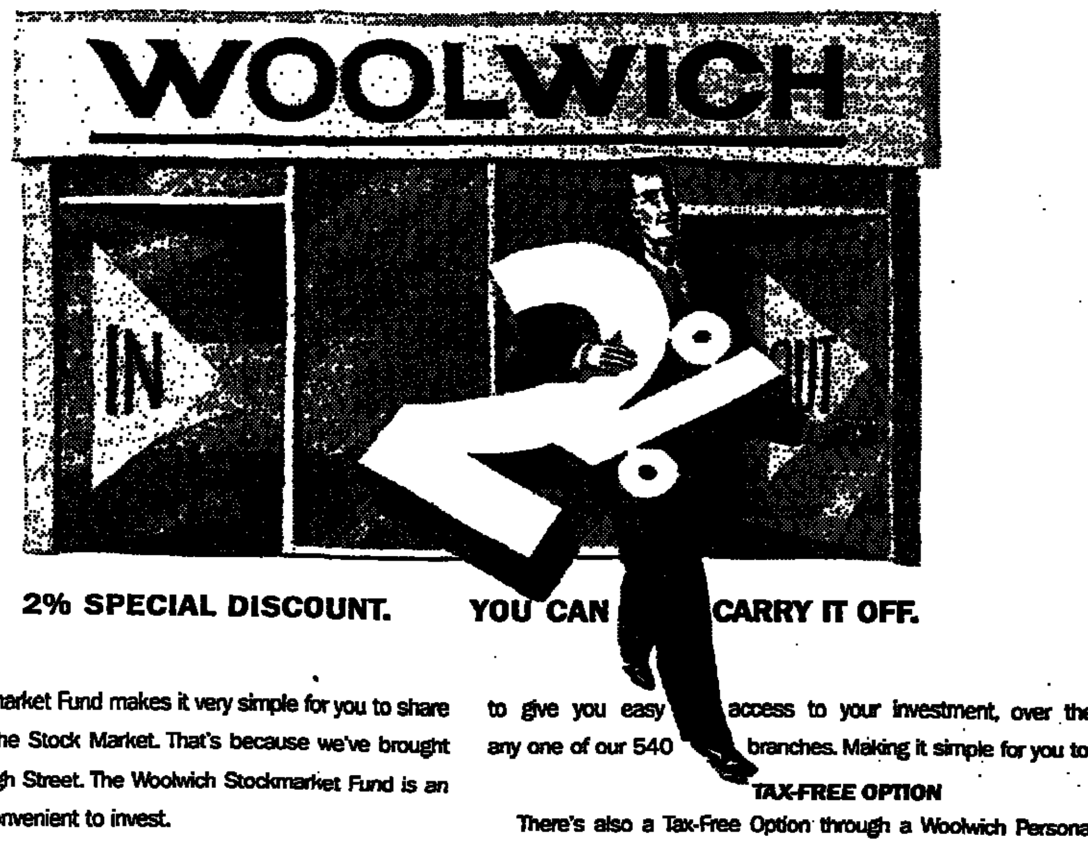

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Bedroom cover can save home contents blushes

By Helen Pridham

THOSE whose home contents have been damaged by water from burst pipes during the recent cold weather may face additional problems with their insurers. If their cover is inadequate their claims could be "averaged" — scaled down according to the proportion by which their total contents are underinsured.

Leading household insurers put the average level of home contents insurance at only £13,000, often well below the amount it should be. To encourage more realistic cover, an increasing number of companies are promoting bedroom-rated policies, which base premiums on the number of bedrooms in the house to be insured. Launched in the name of simplicity, there are considerable differences in the cover that different insurers provide. Some home contents policyholders could find they are better off with a conventional contract.

With bedroom-rated policies, contents of properties with up to five bedrooms can be insured in this way. Maximum cover is usually £30,000 or £35,000 which, Ray Morley, marketing services manager at Commercial Union, said "is enough to cover 90 to 95 per cent of households". This means that when policyholders make a claim under one of these policies the insurer cannot accuse the householders of being underinsured and "average" the claim.

The cover provided by most bedroom policies is similar to ordinary contents policies, with the exception that cover for freezer contents is normally given automatically. In most cases, standard features include free access to legal advice and domestic helplines, which will provide the name of a recommended tradesman in the housholder's area if there is a problem such as a burst pipe that needs to be repaired quickly.

GRE gives legal expenses cover of £25,000, while Sun Alliance has one of the most expensive and comprehensive policies, which includes cover for bicycles, legal expenses of £10,000 and all risks cover for items taken outside the home, such as jewellery, clothing, sports equipment and spectacles. In most cases, however, such cover can be added. Royal, for example, charges an extra £12 a year for legal expenses insurance. All risks cover usually requires an additional premium as does accidental damage cover.

Policyholders should check that the policies offer enough cover for valuable items, as this includes not only the obvious, such as jewellery, furs and paintings, but also items like televisions, video recorders, audio equipment and personal computers. Norwich Union is one of the few insurers that does not put televisions and such like into the restricted valuables category.

Bedroom policies represent a good deal for policyholders with the average amount of home contents and, in some areas, they can work out cheaper than conventional policies.

However, Tony Martin of Leslie & Godwin, the insurance broker, cautions: "The policies are very much aimed at the middle part of the market — two, three and four bedroom properties — with the result that their suitability and competitiveness for other properties is lessened. Thus, the owner of a five bedroom house might find the maximum sum insured is too little for his needs and the owner of a one bedroom house might find that he will be paying for too much cover."

At Legal & General, for example, which offers similar basic cover under both its bedroom-rated and conventional policies, the owner of a one or two bedroom home in a low risk area, such as Aberdeen or Ipswich, would be charged a premium of £36 under a bedroom-rated policy for insuring £10,000 worth of contents. If he or she insured £10,000 of contents under a standard policy it would cost £30.

In medium risk areas, such as parts of Birmingham or Watford, the bedroom policy would cost £66 and the standard policy £55. The difference in annual premium in high risk parts of Liverpool, London and Glasgow would be more than £20.

Because premiums for bedroom policies are based on postcodes, as are conventional policies, some companies charge more in some areas and less in others than their competitors. It is still wise, therefore, to compare quotes.

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Midland	9.21	9.21	7.37	10,000-no max	1 mth	071-260 2805
" " "	8.43	8.43	6.74	10,000-no max	3 mth	071-260 2805
NatWest	8.80	8.80	7.04	10,000-24,000	1 mth	071-726 1000
" " "	8.63	8.63	6.90	10,000-24,000	3 mth	071-726 1000
HIGH INTEREST CHEQUE ACCOUNTS						
Bank of Scotland MMC	9.00	9.39	7.51	2,500‡	none	031-442 7777
Barclays Prime a/c	8.75	9.04	7.23	2,500‡	none	0604 252891
Co-operative Ultra	5.80	6.00	4.80	2,500‡	none	071 626 6543
Girobank	8.00	8.00	6.40	1,000‡	none	051 966 2076
Lloyds HICA	5.00	5.12	4.07	500‡	none	0272 433372
Midland HICA	8.06	8.21	6.57	2,000‡	none	—
NatWest Special Reserve	8.00	8.24	6.59	500‡	none	071-374 3374
Royal Bank of Scot Prem A/c	8.55	8.84	7.07	2,500	none	031-556 8555
TSB Bank HICA	8.25	8.25	6.60	2,000‡	none	071-600 6000
BUILDING SOCIETIES						
Ordinary Share A/c	6.15	6.15	4.92	1 min	none	—
Best buy — largest socs:						
Nationwide Ang	9.00	9.00	7.20	1 min	none	—
Portman	9.86	9.86	7.89	500 min	none	—
Cheltenham & Gl	11.03	11.03	8.33	2,500 min	none	—
Nationwide Ang	10.88	10.88	8.70	10,000 min	90 day	—
Bristol & West	12.00	12.00	9.50	25,000 min	1 year	—
Best buy — all socs:						
The Scarborough	11.83	11.83	9.61	1,000 min	none	—
Chelsea	10.75	10.75	8.50	10,000 min	30 day	—
Leeds & Holbeck	11.57	11.57	9.26	10,000 min	60 day	—
Hendon	11.05	11.05	8.84	1,000 min	90 day	—
Lambeth	10.51	10.51	8.41	250 min	6 mths	—
Cash/Cheque Accounts:						
Halifax Card Cash	5.63	5.71	4.57	25 min		Rates rise
Alliance & Leic Cash Plus	6.25	6.25	5.00	25 min		with larger
Nationwide Anglia Flex	4.50	4.50	3.60	1 min		balances

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	Nominal rate	Compounded at tax rates 25%	40%	Min/max Investment £	Notice	Contact
NATIONAL SAVINGS						
Ordinary A/c¹	5.00	3.75	3.00	5-10,000	8 day	041-649-4555
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Deposit Bond*□	13.50	10.13	8.10		3 mth	041-649-4555
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Yearly Plan†	9.50	9.50	9.50	20-200/mth	14 day	091-3864900
General Extension Rate†	5.01	5.01	5.01			
Capital Bond	13.00	9.75	7.80	100-100,000	5 yrs	041-649-4555
GUARANTEED INCOME BONDS						
Liberty Life	10.50	10.50	8.93	25,000 min	1 yrs	Figures from
Financial Ass.	9.60	9.60	8.16	5,000 min	2 yrs	Chase de
Liberty Life	10.00	10.00	8.50	25,000 min	3 yrs	Vere
Consolidated Life	9.50	9.50	8.08	2,000 min	4 yrs	071 404 5766
AETNA	9.75	9.75	8.29	25,000 min	5 yrs	for details

		Holiday rates	£ buys
RPI (Jan. 89-90)	+9.0%	Spanish Pesetas:	175.20
Bank Base Rate	13.5%	French Francs:	9.67
Personal Loan	24.9%	Greek Drachmas:	308.00
Credit Card	19.5-31%	Italian Lire:	2130.00

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RI month	RI year 1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990
Jan	—	0.578	0.499	0.428	0.353	0.302	0.260	0.173	0.090
Feb	—	0.569	0.493	0.416	0.348	0.297	0.256	0.165	0.083
Mar	0.639	0.566	0.488	0.403	0.346	0.294	0.251	0.159	0.072
Apr	0.607	0.545	0.469	0.374	0.333	0.279	0.231	0.139	0.041
May	0.595	0.538	0.463	0.368	0.331	0.278	0.226	0.132	0.032
Jun	0.591	0.535	0.460	0.365	0.331	0.278	0.221	0.128	0.028
Jul	0.590	0.526	0.461	0.367	0.335	0.279	0.220	0.127	0.027
Aug	0.590	0.520	0.448	0.364	0.331	0.275	0.207	0.124	0.016
Sep	0.591	0.513	0.445	0.364	0.324	0.271	0.201	0.117	0.007
Oct	0.583	0.508	0.438	0.362	0.322	0.265	0.189	0.108	Nil
Nov	0.575	0.502	0.432	0.357	0.311	0.259	0.184	0.099	0.002
Dec	0.578	0.498	0.433	0.358	0.307	0.260	0.180	0.096	0.002

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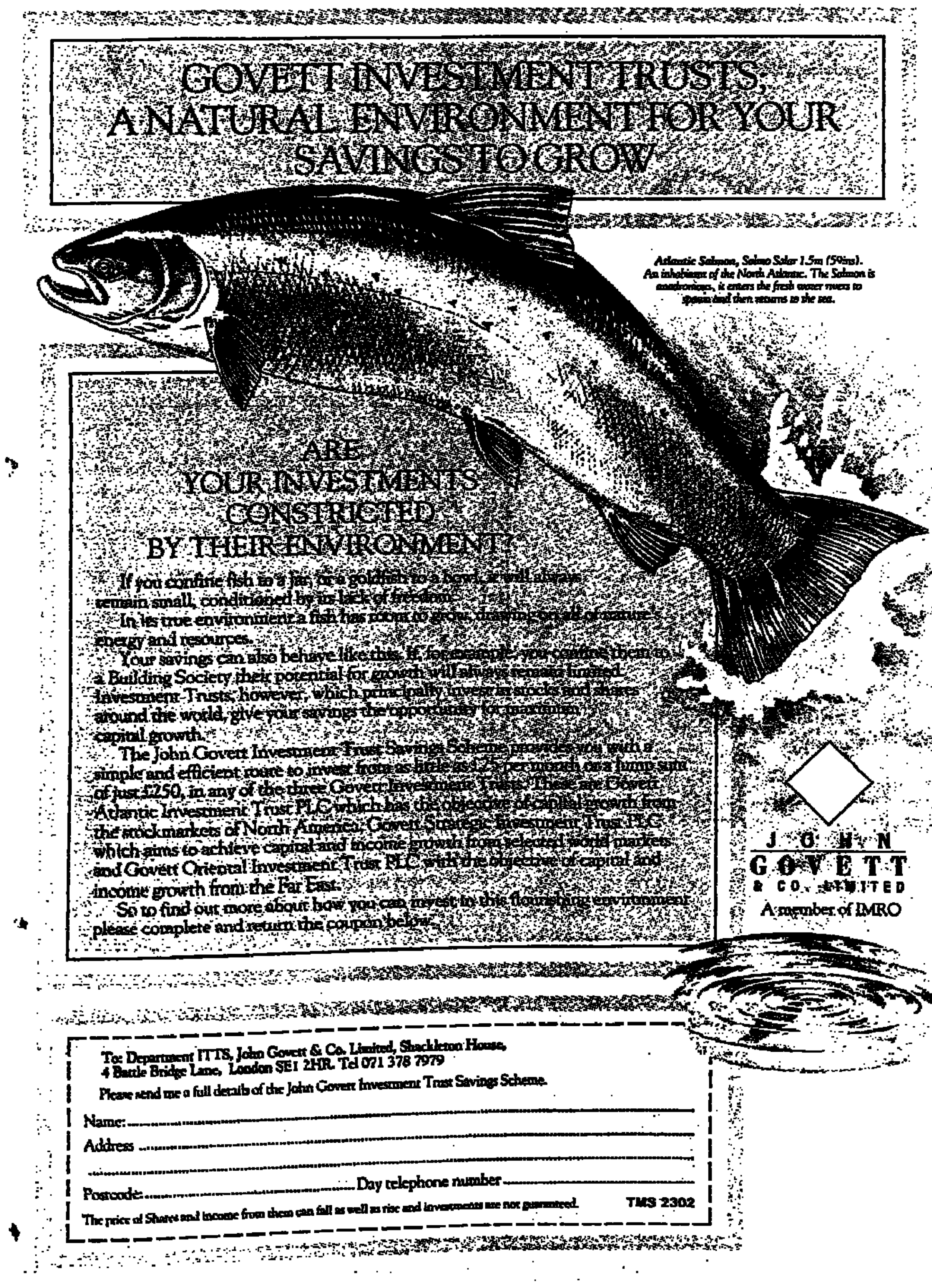

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Couples to cash in on separate tax

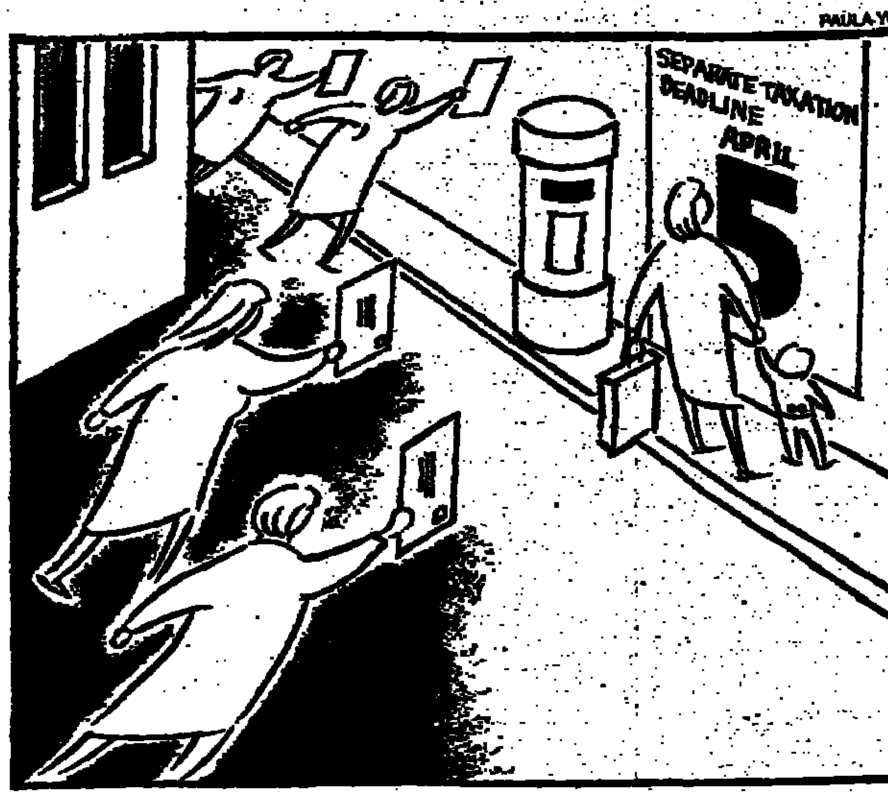
By SARA MCCONNELL

MARRIED women will be taxed separately from their husbands for the first time this year on all income, savings, pensions and capital gains and should act before the end of the tax year to make the best use of independent allowances and exemptions.

Couples have until April 5 to opt to have a wife's earnings in the 1989-90 tax year taxed separately from those of her husband, but according to KPMG Peat Marwick McLintock, the chartered accountant, they should only consider electing to be taxed separately in 1989-90 if their combined income is more than £30,509 and the wife's earnings are more than £7,024.

Neil Morris, a partner at KPMG, said that although couples could elect to have the wife's earnings taxed separately, her investment income would still be taxed with her husband's.

For the 1990-91 tax year, husband and wife will both have a personal tax allowance of £3,005, as well as a married couple's allowance of £1,720. A spouse paying tax at 40 per cent should consider transferring assets to the non-taxpayer or basic rate taxpaying partner. If the personal allowance is not used it is lost, although a married man may transfer any unused part of his married couple's allowance to his wife.



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Russ Stanfield, estate planning specialist at Price Waterhouse, the chartered accountant, said: "The classic manoeuvre is for the higher rate taxpayer, normally the husband, to transfer £25,000 a year to a non-earning wife so that she can use up her personal allowance and pay basic rate tax on the rest."

He added that this was not just an end of tax-year move. Couples also have a capital gains tax (CGT) exemption of £5,000 a year each, so accountants advise transferring assets to one another to make use of both exemptions.

But Barry Stillerman, tax partner at Stoy Hayward, the chartered accountant, said: "You can transfer assets from husband to wife to use up the CGT allowance but these must be outright gifts. They cannot be taken back later."

Anyone owning shares that have made a gain in the last tax year can sell them and buy them back again the next day to make the most of the £5,000 CGT exemption, setting the gains against the exemption.

April 5, 1991, may be an important deadline for people who disposed of chargeable assets in the 1988-89 tax year because they only have until this date to decide whether any assets bought before 1982 and disposed of in or after the 1988-89 tax year should be assessed for CGT at their March 1982 value or at their original value.

Since 1988, people have been allowed to elect to have all their assets gained before 1982 treated as having been acquired at their March 1982 value. The first time they make a disposal after April 6, 1988, of an asset owned before March 1982 the two-year time limit for the election is triggered.

Mr Morris said: "If people who made a relevant disposal in 1988-89 don't make a global election before April 5, 1991, they will never be able to elect for a 1982 valuation again."

Anyone with a personal pension who has not paid the maximum contribution allowed in the past tax year and who wants to use up the tax relief also has an April 5 deadline. They should pay the extra contribution before April 5 although he or she does not have to elect to carry back contributions until July 5, 1991.

Those in company pension schemes need to check the level of their contributions in this tax year and consider making additional voluntary contributions to bring their total up to the 15 per cent of earnings in the tax year.

For the first time, both husband and wife have separate allowances for tax efficient investments such as personal equity plans (Peps) and business expansion schemes (BES). Accountants advise people to put the maximum £6,000 each into a Pep scheme in which dividends are free of income or capital gains.

They both also have a £40,000 BES allowance. Investors prepared to lock away their money for five years can receive tax relief on their investment in the share of unquoted companies at their higher rate of tax but BES investments are generally considered a higher risk than Peps.

Couples who qualify for tax relief on the interest payments of the first £30,000 of a mortgage should consider asking for most of this relief to be allocated to the higher rate taxpayer.

Mr Morris said: "The Revenue doesn't care whether the husand or wife pays so they can split it between themselves. People have 12 months from the end of the tax year to split it though, so [illegible] shouldn't be panicked into making an election now."

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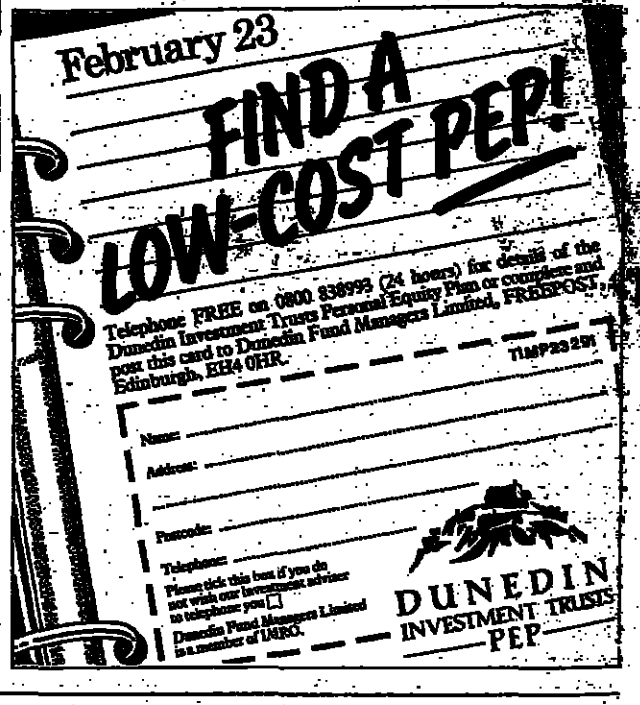
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LETTERS

Savings for children

From Mrs Gertrud Walton

Sir, Mrs Millard's complaint (Weekend Money, February 2) that savings institutions discontinue facilities for the deposit and withdrawal of small sums could be turned to educational advantage. In the management of their pocket money, children might separate their assets into "investment" and "savings".

They would "invest" large sums in the conventional manner, and even learn to compare interest rates. "Savings" accounts would become educational ventures, either run by schools, peer groups, or families.

The value of a piggy-bank would become obvious to the children.

Yours faithfully,
GERTRUD WALTON,
18 St Swithun Street,
Winchester, Hampshire.

Retailers pay deadly price for carrying cash

From J.F. Ezechiel

Sir, In your page 40 article (Weekend Money, February 16) you say that a National Consumer Council (NCC) spokesman has said that cash customers should ask for a discount equal to the credit card service fee.

Within the last fortnight, less than ten miles from here, raiders shot a young man at a petrol service staion. These raiders were not in pursuit of credit card flimsies: they were after cash. Even locally, this was not an isolated incident.

Would you please ask the NCC spokesman, who apparently thinks that dealing in cash costs a retailer less than dealing with credit cards, what price he puts on that young man's life?

Yours faithfully,
J.F. EZECHIEL,
The Stocks,
Crondall,
Farnham,
Surrey.

Tax is iniquitous on elderly in care

From Mrs R. Dinnage

Sir, I read with interest the letter in Weekend Money of February 9 suggesting tax relief for elderly people paying residential or nursing home charges.

Many frail elderly people have to sell their homes to pay for the cost of care, and are then taxed on the interest of the capital created by the house sale. If those fortunate enough to remain in their own home were taxed on its value, this would be seen as a nonsense.

It is equally unacceptable for those who make themselves homeless, in order to have necessary care, should have to pay tax on the capital-equivalent of their former home.

As attorney for my elderly, mentally-frail mother, I have tried to keep the capital intact from the sale of her bungalow and use the interest to pay for her care.

To ensure this, I have contributed towards her care costs. I now found I have to pay a substantial tax bill for my mother, which will erode the capital, and continue to do so, year by year.

In my employment in a hospital, it is frequently my department's responsibility to assist patients, their relatives and friends through the minefield of finding suitable nursing or residential care. Relatives and friends are always shocked and distressed to find the number of "perverse incentives" involved in arranging appropriate care for elderly relatives who are too frail, mentally or physically to return home.

Extra taxation is a further problem which I had not appreciated even though working in this field. Having to sell up one's home and furniture to provide for care in old age is sad; having then to pay tax on the interest on the capital so accrued year after year is iniquitous for those of slender means.

Yours faithfully,
ROSEMARY DINNAGE,
3 Carysfort Road, N8.

High handed treatment by banks

From P.B. Bryan

Sir, I have been following with interest, but no surprise, reports of the tribulations and self-inflicted wounds of the banking industry.

Banks once offered a service to all their customers, including those with small accounts, but now most services are offered only at a high price, without option or even the courtesy of prior consultation on charges.

I thought the following might interest you as yet another example: this morning (February 15) I received a letter from Lloyds Bank informing me that it will now require a £15 annual charge to keep my one share certificate. The charge is effective from February 15, and my account will be debited automatically unless I choose some other method of payment. This is the first and only notification I have had of such a charge. The letter was dated February 11 and posted second class on February 12. Had not the Post Office been efficient, I could have easily received the notification after the fifteenth and, had my account been put into the red by the arbitrary debit, I should no doubt have been charged for the unauthorised overdraft — although no offer to refund the cost of my long-distance telephone call was made when I rang to express my strong dissatisfaction with the bank's behaviour.

I feel more and more that this example of high-handed treatment of small account customers is a further contribution to many people's perception of the banks as determined to extract from them as much as possible in order to invest in highly speculative ventures.

Yours faithfully,
P.B. BRYAN,
28 Drury Street,
Metheringham,
Lincoln.

Hoist danger

From Dr I.M. Jessiman

Sir, Mrs Angas (Weekend Money letters, February 16) will need to beware lest the hoister be hoisted.

Unless she puts in her £5 on the last day of a month and withdraws her £4.50 on the first day of the next month she will get no interest from the Post Office for the £5 for that month.

Yours faithfully,
I.M. JESSIMAN,
17 Grange Drive,
Chislehurst, Kent.

Forever small

From Jackie Mason

Sir, It appears that as a "small" businesswoman I am destined to remain as such. Not that this is my ambition, but that of HM Customs. I find the current VAT limit of £25,000 restricts me to generating a turnover of less than this amount. This level is so low I cannot benefit from economies of scale, which might offset the premium I would have to charge customers. Paradoxically I cannot risk developing my business for fear of becoming uncompetitive. Are we to remain a nation of "small" shopkeepers?

Yours faithfully,
JACKIE MASON,
179 All Saints Road,
Newmarket, Suffolk

Interest free

From Ann Braid

Sir, Your article last week stated that the Royal Bank of Scotland charges Access, Mastercard and Visa customers interest from the transaction date. This is the case for cash advances but customers still get an interest free period for general purchases of 25 days after the statement date.

Yours faithfully,
Ann Braid,
Press Officer,
The Royal Bank of Scotland,
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Seeking receipts

From R.O. Leavor

Sir, The abolition years ago of the obligation to issue a receipt when payment is made through a bank has brought with *it*, especially lately, when computer faults are blamed for all errors, the risk that a payer does not get to know if his payment has actually reached the payee. It may, in fact, not have been credited to his account.

This can have disastrous financial implications when the recipient is an insurance or life assurance company, or at a lower level create much hassle when a utility is involved. (I have had a large premium, correctly dispatched to one of the major life assurance companies, lost in the computer machinery. If I had died in the period of investigation the company could have continued to plead non-receipt and the burden of proof, perhaps difficult in the mass of papers and easily overlooked, would have fallen on the executors.)

Late or disputed arrival of payment for goods or services can be coped with under existing legislation, but insurance companies or brokers and utility industries, which threaten to cut off supplies, should by law have to send a simple payment acknowledgement to the payer.

Yours faithfully,

R.O. LEAVOR,
76 Heaton Park Drive,
Bradford, West Yorkshire.

Dignified decimals

From Mr David Smith

Sir, Twenty years ago, Britain adopted decimal currency. In Weekend Money (February 9), you suggested that we are *"marching towards a pocketful of £5 bits"*. Is it time to restore the pound's vanishing dignity by adopting de Gaulle's expedient for the old franc: moving the decimal point one place to the left?

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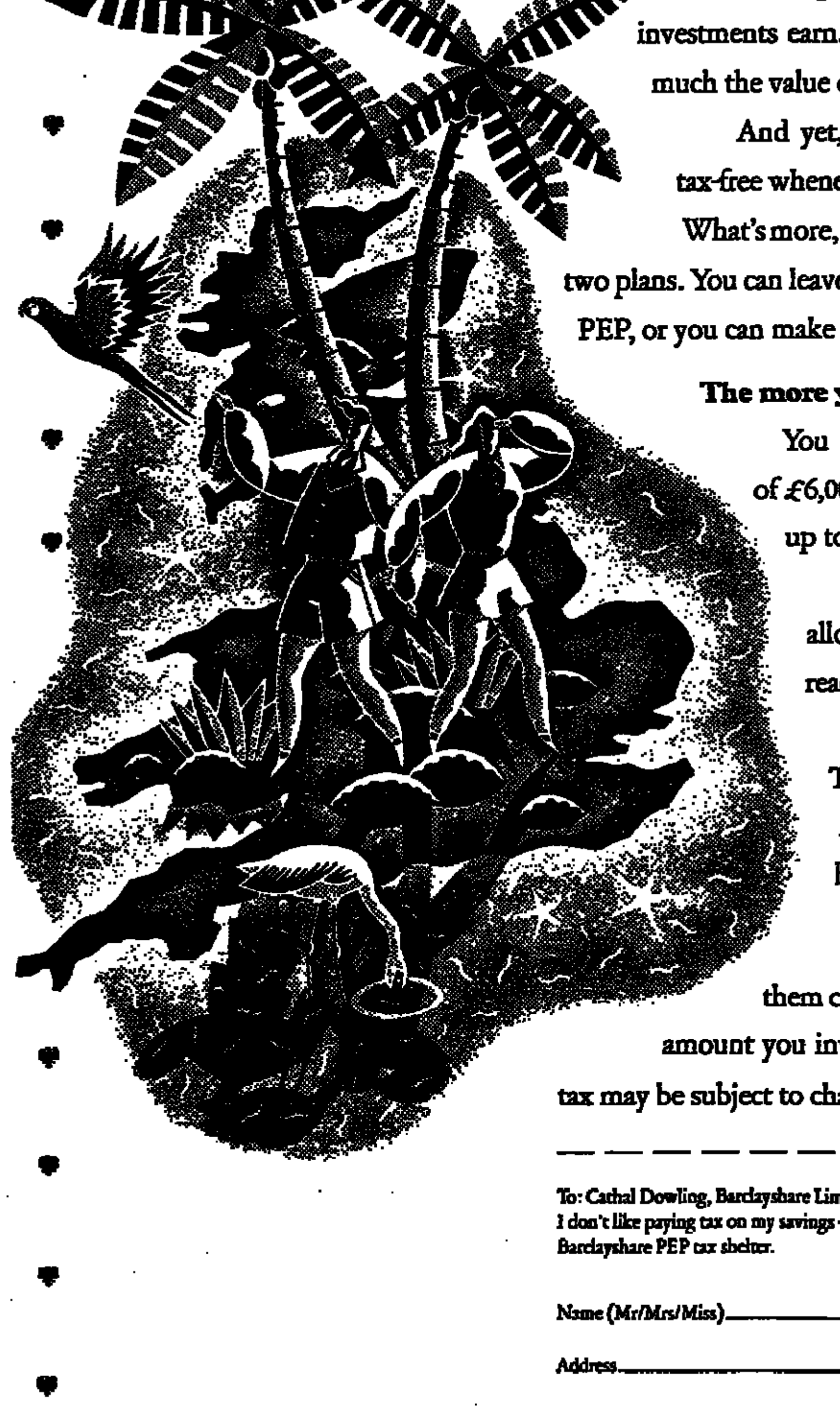

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A law riddled with controversy

COMMENT

SIR ROBERT McCRINDLE, MP

Ever since the Financial Services Act came into operation its critics have been many and powerful. Providers of financial products have been incensed by the cost of compliance, intermediaries have been concerned by the imposition of a compensation fund whose cost has to be met by them, and investors who thought that the passage of the act somehow guaranteed an end to fraud have been disappointed.

The controversy over the Financial Intermediaries, Managers and Brokers Regulatory Association (Fimbra) raises questions not just about that organisation and its solvency, but about the whole structure of the act, with the Securities and Investment Board (SIB) and the various self regulatory organisations (SROs) creating what many believe to be excessive bureaucracy. The justification of the government in seeking to achieve investor protection in this way was that self-regulation rather than statutory control was the most effective way to police the business and, incidentally, pass the cost on to the industry.

It may be that the time to question whether self-regulation is attainable, whether we should merge some of the SROs, and who should pay to protect the investor and indeed, whether the whole structure should be replaced by something more radical. Any law that remains riddled with controversy five years after its passage cannot just be allowed to limp on with growing opposition.

So what could be done to improve matters? We could move to a system of licensing operated by the trade department which, although it would mean many more civil servants, would eliminate the need for the present paraphernalia of organisations. Realistically, the chances of the present government moving in this direction are poor, but I have a feeling it is how a Labour government would proceed. What then of scrapping the SIB and the SROs and replacing them with a powerful American-style securities commission? This could be a starter, but many of those who support the idea do so because they think it would be less bureaucratic. It would not.

Are we then destined to muddle along with the present structure? Can nothing be done to improve the effectiveness of investor protection? Are all the investors who lose money innocent victims or are some of them too greedy by half? Should not the producers – insurance companies and the like – meet some of the costs of fraud? Does the government really have to wash its hands of responsibility until a Barlow Clowes gains a head of political steam? I do not believe we should be contemplating repeal of the act, but a review.

Firstly, let us concede that the bureaucracy previously in evidence at SIB has been curbed and the basis for self-regulation is now much more practical than theoretical. But should we not think of rather more direct authorisation by the board, possibly leading to a progressive reduction in both the number of SROs and the influence of Fimbra? Perhaps, as some suggest, we should be thinking of a merger between Fimbra and Lautro, the Life Assurance and Unit Trusts Regulatory Organisation, in the short term. I do not favour such a course because the producers regulated by Lautro are effectively the wholesalers and they have their own investor compensation, the Policyholders Protection Act. I would see Lautro as a continuing force, although its somewhat ponderous enforcement procedures could be slimmed down without adverse effect.

As for Fimbra, there has certainly been a history of bad management and inefficiency, but until we can replace it we must help it. Bluntly, it was created without the funds to satisfy investor protection and as the number of its members has fallen so the burden has risen on those who remain.

In the meantime, while some thought is given to how the role of the SIB can be elevated and Fimbra progressively run down, the core question is how the investor can best be protected without bankrupting the independent financial advisers who are so important.

Firstly, I see no reason why we should not have a small surcharge on financial products to create a fund that may make it possible to lift the ceiling on compensation payable. Secondly, Fimbra members must be required to contribute even though the honest practitioners get upset by what they see as an impostion.

Sir Robert is Conservative MP for Brentwood and Ongar, chairman of the all-party parliamentary financial services group, and adviser to the British Insurance and Investment Brokers Association.

Rates cut for new borrowers

THE Halifax Building Society this week cut mortgage rates for new borrowers by 0.75 of a point from 14.5 per cent to 13.75 per cent and held out the promise of a similar cut for existing borrowers after a further cut in base rates (Sara McConnell writes).

First-time buyers are being offered an additional discount of 1.25 per cent off the new rate, bringing their rate down to 12.5 per cent until December 31 this year. A borrower taking out a typical £40,000 endowment mortgage with the Halifax will pay £338 a month. New borrowers who are not first-time buyers will pay £20 less a month, £372.41 instead of £392.71.

The society said it reduced rates because of "the likelihood of a further base rate cut", but said if there was no cut at the end of April it may have to restore its rate for new borrowers to 14.5 per cent.

The Halifax, which reviews annually the mortgages of its 1.7 million customers, will probably have 1.3 million borrowers who will not feel the benefit of any cut until the beginning of next year. The Halifax set a rate of 14.5 per cent on February 1 and has no immediate plans to cut this.

Barclays bank has cut rates for first-time buyers by 1 per cent to 13.5 per cent for the first year of the mortgage. Existing borrowers taking a new mortgage of £75,000 or more will also pay 13.5 per cent. There is no cut for existing borrowers, who are paying 14.75 per cent. New borrowers will pay 14.5 per cent.

The Town & Country Building Society has cut its rate for new borrowers from 14.5 per cent to 13.75 per cent but there are no cuts yet for existing borrowers. Other major societies say they are not intending to cut rates until there is another cut in the base rate. The Abbey National said it was waiting for rates to come down another half point before it cut rates, probably by 0.75 of a point. The Nationwide and the Woolwich also said they had no plans to cut variable rates until base rates fell again. Nationwide's 400,000 customers on annual review will continue to pay 14.5 per cent.

Many lenders are extending fixed rate mortgages or offering new rates. The Household Mortgage Corporation announced this week that it was extending its 11.25 per cent fixed rate mortgage for another two years.

The Leeds Permanent and the Woolwich building societies are launching fixed rate mortgages on Monday. The Leeds is offering first-time buyers a fixed rate of 11.95 per cent for one year. The Woolwich's rate is 11.9 per cent fixed for two years. The Cheltenham & Gloucester announced an interest-only mortgage with a fixed rate of 11.75 per cent until December 31, 1992.

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The bonus will be paid on balances at the time of the merger, which is likely to take place in May. A cut-off date, set a few months before the takeover date, will be announced to deter people from opening new accounts just to receive the bonus. Borrowers have also been excluded.

Insurers chase defaulters

By PAUL NUKI

AN INCREASING number of homeowners whose properties have been repossessed are being pursued through the courts by insurance companies desperate to recoup losses on mortgage indemnity policies.

Most mortgage lenders insist that borrowers take out a mortgage indemnity policy if they want to borrow more than 75 or 80 per cent of the market value of their home.

Although the premium is paid by the borrower, the policy protects the lender by guaranteeing that, if a repossessed house is sold for less than the amount of the loan, the lender can claim back the shortfall. The borrower is not protected.

The economic slump means that more houses are being repossessed and more claims are being made by mortgage lenders. Insurance companies have been hit hard and are exercising their right of subrogation to mitigate their losses. This allows them to pursue "salvage" from the defaulting borrower.

Legal & General, which holds about 10 per cent of the mortgage indemnity market and recently added £12 million to provisions against anticipated losses, said last week that it was pursuing all borrowers where there was a chance of recouping debts.

Peter Topple, L&G's account manager (mortgage lenders), said: "Because of the higher incidence of claims, every insurance company is looking more carefully at their subrogation rights and will be pursuing those rights where they feel there is a reasonable chance of making a recovery."

Unclear: Eaglesham

L&G, like other insurers, is primarily concerned with borrowers who have acted irresponsibly and deliberately walked away from their debts. However, it is clear that they are adopting a more hard nosed attitude than building societies and other lenders, which must monitor their reputations on the high street.

Jean Eaglesham, senior researcher at the Consumers' Association, said there was evidence that not all borrowers being pursued had acted irresponsibly and that many originally believed that mortgage indemnity policies were for their own protection.

She said: "Our feeling is that this risk should be made clear to borrowers at the outset. That is, you should be told that you are paying for someone else's insurance and that it carries a potential liability with it. None of the mortgage contracts we looked at spelt that out and by the very name of it, people thought they were buying themselves some kind of insurance or guarantee."

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Warm spot glows at the heart of tough man-manager

By CAROL LEONARD

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Sir David Plastow

Sir David Plastow, chairman and chief executive of Vickers, may be the man who makes Challenger tanks, but he would, he says, find it difficult to squirt insecticide on a fly. Tall, debonair and known above all for being one of the toughest of man managers, even his closest colleagues will be surprised by such a revelation.

"I'm terribly wet," he says. "My friends in Cheshire, where we used to live, tried to turn me into a shot but the conversion failed. I enjoyed the walking and the lunches were super but I just didn't like killing things."

It stems, he says, from an incident in his childhood, when he was nine years old. He tried to make a bird jump off a fence, by hitting the fence with an air gun pellet. He missed and hit the bird instead, killing it. "I will never forget that. I was distraught, in tears."

Vickers, capitalised at £540 million, may be one of the biggest defence companies in Britain. But defence accounts for only 18 per cent of its sales. It also owns Rolls-Royce Motors and Riva, the luxury speedboat manufacturer, as well as medical diagnostic and marine engineering businesses.

It was Rolls-Royce Motors that brought Plastow into Vickers. He helped rescue it from the receivers in 1971. Vickers then bought Rolls, specifically, some say, to get its hands on Plastow.

Still only 58, his early success at Rolls meant that he was labelled one of the golden boys of British industry. "Rolls-Royce was not one of the most difficult assignments in the world but he did it well and everyone expected him to go on to greater and greater things," says one seasoned City observer. "Whatever he did, no one was ever going to be satisfied." He is, however, generally perceived to have done a good job at Vickers.

Plastow is aware of these pressures but, now older and wiser, he refuses to allow them to get to him. "I was once a workaholic, for two years in the early Seventies. But towards the end my performance was deteriorating, my private life became tense, I was becoming irascible and my colleagues were having heart attacks. If you are that dedicated to work you lose balance. How can you make a sensible, balanced decision if you are doing nothing but work? You are much better at your job if you are not a workaholic. If you are, when a great opportunity or disaster appears you cannot cope because you have no stretch."

He now insists that everybody at Vickers takes their full holiday entitlement of four or five weeks a year, although he admits that he does not always comply with that rule himself. "Last year was a difficult year," is his excuse. But a holiday chart nevertheless does the rounds at Vickers Millbank Tower head office every February and must be completed by March.

It is, then, stamina that allows Plastow to achieve all that he achieves without, like so many committed chairmen, becoming a workaholic. So much so that Roger Head, his finance director, defines the word "tough", in its association with Plastow, as being nothing to do with the way he handles people. "It is about absorbing pressure and stamina. He rushes around and jumps on and off aircraft as if he were 15 years younger. Everything he does is well turned out and well presented. He is still pushing himself but no, he is not a workaholic. He is just extremely disciplined."

Determination and discipline are indeed the two traits that perhaps sum up Plastow's personality most accurately. He possesses them both to an almost frightening degree. He attributes both qualities to his father, who was "Victorian, strongly principled and very direct."

His father, or the "old man" as he repeatedly calls him, was Victorian about the need to save money, he did not like borrowing and if the young Plastow was given money it had to put it into a bank account. He was also Victorian about appearance. "You may not be able to afford a well cut suit but you can make sure you've got a clean one," he would say.

Plastow agrees that he could easily have rebelled and gone the opposite way. "Yes, I could have become a drunken spendthrift and been as sloppy as hell." But he did not. He has not, he says, been "plinker plonker, how's your father, drunk" for more than 30 years and he always thinks of his father if ever there is the remotest chance of him not being "properly cautious in my personal affairs".

Plastow walks with military bearing, even though his army experience was limited to two years' national service in a truck repair workshop in Warminster, and he fidgets continually. He does "physical jerks" every morning, to keep fit.

He refers to food as "grub" and Barbara, his sculptress wife, becomes "Barbie". He talks about her "being on parade" when she has to come up to London from their Kent oasthouse home.

He is an extremely upright man. But the influences of his father, be they Victorian or not, spill way beyond such personal details. They affect almost every aspect of the way Plastow conducts his business affairs, and he expects the same strict standards of others.

"I'm a stickler for time keeping. If a meeting is due to start at 11, it starts at 11. If you aren't there, tough. And you had better explain why you didn't arrive on time."

Tales of Plastow sending City advisers back out into the corridor in the middle of meetings, if it becomes obvious that they have not read the required documents, are legendary. "Those disciplines are terribly important to me and they are probably born of my upbringing."

He would, he says, never enter anyone's office without first knocking on the door, even if that door was wide open. "I don't care who they are, even a foreman in a little hut. And it's practical at the same time: it draws attention to the fact that you are there."

And he becomes animated when talking about the need for people to sign their own letters. "I get very cross if they don't. I have never put "pp" to a letter in my life." He insists upon making all his own telephone calls. "I don't receive them all, they are filtered by a secretary, but I do make them. You can learn things from the way you are handled, about the way a company is run. If you have to go through three layers of people and declare who you are three times, it shows that it isn't being run properly."

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But despite being such a demanding disciplinarian, and so relentlessly and at times tiresomely, courteous, Plastow likes to think he has "a certain informality".

Plastow has a strong personality and knows that he could easily ride roughshod over other people in both his public and private lives. "He is aware of his weaknesses," agrees Head, the finance director. But he is hesitant when questioned about Plastow's approachability. Employees are, it seems, not afraid of him, but they are "wary". Eventually, he says: "There is nothing I would not raise with him. But some things are difficult. He can be overpowering and he is moody. If he is in a good mood he will laugh it off. If he is under pressure I might get my head bitten off, but I would always raise it nevertheless."

Plastow counters: "I rarely shout. I can't remember the last time I raised my voice." He is certainly far too controlled for that. He rarely says anything that has not been carefully considered beforehand. "But I can get a little short with people who I think are wasting everybody's time." He admits to occasional "creative tension" between him and his closest colleagues, although they would never regard themselves as that close.

"He is a difficult man to get to know," says Head. "I have never seen him be emotional." Plastow, when well out of their earshot, can become emotional about both Head and Sir Colin Chandler, Vickers' managing director.

"I try to hide it but I can be emotional about some of my colleagues, who helped me get here. And if you talked about my mother for too long I would find that difficult."

He stops short and stares hard, to stem the traces of tears that have begun to well up in his eyes.

An only child, he was particularly close to his mother, Marie, who died 15 years ago. "She was very soft, warm; everybody loved her," Plastow says. "My mother spoiled me rotten and so my father became the disciplinarian."

His family came from Grimsby, Humberside. He describes his maternal grandfather as being "a big fishing magnate" and his paternal grandfather as chairman of Grimsby Town Football Club. His father, who died three years ago, was the sales director for a motor dealer. Plastow was sent to boarding school in Bury St Edmunds. But the family was not wealthy.

His parents lived in the small semi-detached house all their married lives. And they took out a second mortgage to pay for their son's education. "It was a nice childhood. The old boy worked hard, was careful with his money, but was generous with me personally. I did want for some things though. We didn't go away on expensive holidays or anything like that."

At school he was popular, became head boy and was captain of cricket. He was also in the rugby and hockey teams. But he was not an academic. Not normally a man to repeat himself, he mentions two or three times that his one regret was not working harder at school.

"I was too busy playing cricket and all those silly things and I cocked it up. It was foolish but enjoyable." He matriculated but left school at 18 with nothing more. "I regret not going to university, I think I would have enjoyed it." It is as if he has been forcing himself to pay the price for his adolescent "foolishness" ever since.

Although he is not in the least shy, he says that he does sometimes feel "daunted" by "great people, very big people. It's my humble beginnings and all that, my lack of university education."

When he is in the presence of such educated intellectuals he is often lost for words. Plastow, after all, began his career as an apprentice with Vauxhall Motors in Luton, Bedfordshire, and it is was there, in a works drama production, that he met his wife, then a secretary.

But just as Plastow's business colleagues are surprised by revelations of his emotion, talk of his own inadequacies and self-descriptions that hint at insecurity, so his personal friends — for he keeps the two worlds strictly separate — say that they do not, in any way, recognise the man his business colleagues allude to. Chandler and Head have never been invited to his family home, except for formal social occasions, like the wedding of his daughter Amanda, aged 28, a nursing sister, or his son, Jamie, aged 31, an army officer. It is his daughter who is most like him.

"Some of my discipline and determination has rubbed off on her. She can be a caring, emotional lady, but she also has a tough edge. I can be tough. When things need to be done, unpleasant things, I will do them." He stares at me long and hard. An icy, piercing stare. The message is satisfactorily conveyed.

"No", says a puzzled Michael Keall, Plastow's best friend since schooldays, when I tell him about some of the above. "I don't recognise that man at all." Keall, the junior bursar at Magdalen College, Oxford, describes him instead as "always a lot of fun, in those days as he is now".

Keall recalls: "In school plays he always had a character part. He could never be cast in a serious role. He has kept in touch with some of the chaps he worked with on the shop floor at Vauxhall. He has never forgotten his roots.

"And he is brilliant at playing charades at Christmas time. He will roll around on the floor with laughter. He acts the fool and can be extremely funny. He is a very warm man — all his home friends will tell you that."

Being the academic that he is, Keall then tries to work out which persona might be the real Plastow: the cold, detached and disciplined businessman, or the warm, hospitable and entertaining family man.

"How very interesting," says Keall ponderously. "And, do you know, you've just reminded me of something. When I write to him I always sign my letters 'Yours ever' or 'With love to the family'. But he always signs his letters to me 'Yours sincerely', even after almost 50 years."

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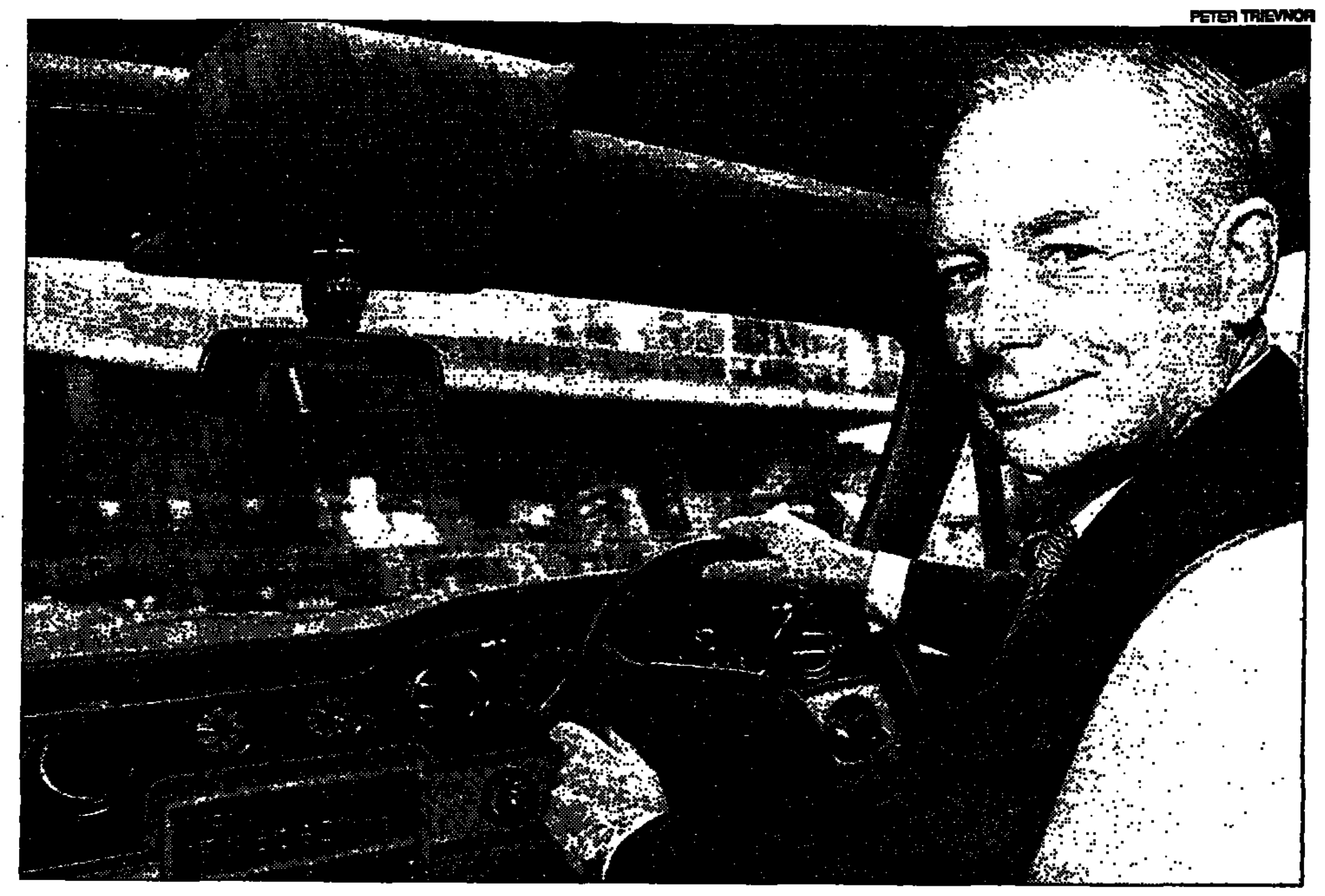

In the driving seat: Sir David, the chairman and chief executive of Vickers, at the wheel of his personal Rolls-Royce

Banks lead poll of advisers

By LINDSAY COOK

FINANCIAL advisers are not trusted by the majority of middle aged and elderly people, according to a retirement survey carried out for the Halifax Building Society.

The elderly were slightly more prepared than the recently retired and pre-retired to trust financial advisers. Bank managers are the most popular source of advice, with 44 per cent of the pre-retired saying they would seek their help, but they are no longer considered to have the status they once had.

More than 70 per cent of those questioned considered that shares were too risky to invest in. Half had savings in building societies and one third had bank savings accounts, which were most widespread in Scotland.

South Wales and the West had below average levels of bank and building society savers and more people claiming to have made no financial provision for retirement. On average, 16 per cent nationally said they had made no provision. A large proportion considered the money invested in their home as an investment they could fall back on.

Insurance policies had been taken out by 40 per cent of those questioned in preparation for retirement. Another 12 per cent said they had taken out a special investment plan, 8 per cent were making additional voluntary contributions to their company pension schemes and 6 per cent had personal equity plans or unit trusts.

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SUMMARY

Lloyds profit slumps

LLOYDS Bank's profits slumped by a quarter to £591 million last year after a 131 per cent surge in bad debts. It was forced to write off £799 of its loans during the year, or more than £2 million a day.

Sir Jeremy Morse, the chairman, said he doubted whether conditions would improve in the current year. As a result, the bank has shed 5,000 employees since the start of 1990, and is planning further job losses and branch closures.

Despite the provisions, the bank increased its final dividend by 14 per cent to 10.3p, to make 15.3p for the year, up 15 per cent. The shares fell 10p to 320p............... Pages 34, 36

Tank commander

Sir David Plastow, chairman of Vickers, the Challenger tank manufacturer, says he would not hurt a fly. He reveals to Carol Leonard that he is "terribly wet", despite being renowned as one of toughest of managers Page 45

Wassall sale

Wassall has sold Alucaps Italiana, its Italian aluminium bottle tops business, for 3.8 billion lire (£1.74 million) in cash. The buyer is a private Italian group. Alucaps made a loss of £450,000 on sales of £8.9 million in 1989. Chistopher Miller, chief executive of Wassall, said the proceeds would be used to reduce group borrowings................ Page 36

Import curbs

European car manufacturers may soon accept plans to phase out import curbs on Japanese vehicles, European Community officials said after Martin Bangemann, commissioner responsible for the single market, held talks with Giorgio Garuzzo, the new chief executive of Fiat Auto and one of strongest advocates of protectionism........ Page 35

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Loan rate cut

The Halifax has reducing its mortgage rates for new borrowers by three quarters of a point. Other societies and banks are cutting rates for first-time buyers and bringing out new lower fixed rate mortgages.................. Page 44

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TV players

"Ask Michael Green, charm personified in his art-laden office suite, just who is going to bid for ITV franchises this time round and he smiles. There will, he predicts, be more bidders than is currently thought. And less than was once estimated."

Business, The Sunday Times tomorrow.

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Power generators go on sale at 175p a share

By Martin Waller

SHARES in the two electricity generators, National Power and PowerGen, have gone on sale to the public at 175p, offering a dividend yield in the current year of 6.3 per cent. The minimum investment is £525 and as payment is in two instalments, the minimum first payment due by 10 am on Wednesday, March 6, is £300, or 100p a share. In return, investors will get a bundle of shares comprising 114 in PowerGen and 186 in National Power.

The yield on offer is at the bottom end of City expectations. David Clementi, a director at Kleinwort Benson, the government's merchant bank, announced that of the 270 institutions approached to take stock and underwrite the issue, about 50 had failed to put in early offers at or below the yield on offer and had not been allocated any shares.

Analysts believe that by setting the yield at such a low level the government is effectively signalling that the issue is not for the unsophisticated private investor. Advisers have indicated privately that they are keen not to repeat the debâcle of the electricity distributors flotation last year, when more than 13 million applications were received and many investors were cut out entirely and others left with insignificant holdings.

"Grey market" dealings, however, were indicating that the shares would go to a premium. Against a part paid price of 100p, National Power was trading at 119p and PowerGen at 122p on the unofficial market run by IG Index, the financial bookmaker.

The bundle of shares will "explode" on the first day of stock market dealings, on March 12, and both sets of shares will then trade separately. The government is selling just 60 per cent of the two companies, and the shares are worth £2.16 billion in aggregate.

The market capitalisation of National Power will be £2.23 billion and PowerGen will be valued at £1.37 billion. The notional dividend yield, the measure by which the two will be assessed in the City, is based on the payments they would make had they been floated at the start of the current financial year, on April 1, 1990.

The government is initially offering 28 per cent of the shares to the public. British institutions and overseas investors will receive 52 per cent and 20 per cent respectively, subject to clawback arrangements, which would put 49 per cent of the issue in the hands of the public.

Clawback will be triggered if the public section of the offer is subscribed more than 2.5 times. If this happens there will also be a "back-end tender offer" after the offer closes in which about 16 per cent of the shares will be offered to institutions, taken out of their initial allocations.

This is designed to ensure that if the stock market rises sharply before the offer closes, at least this chunk of the issue will be sold at the maximum price possible. The institutions must bid at above the initial offer price.

The issue was sub-underwritten by the institutions yesterday. Prospectuses will be available from next Thursday at branches of the main clearing banks and at post offices as well as from professional advisers, and application forms will be printed in newspapers. The government says it wants a significant public ownership in the generators.

John Wakeham, the energy secretary, said at the launch yesterday: "I know the two companies are keen to have a balance of investors between private individuals and institutions and I can confirm that this government remains strongly committed to widespread share ownership."

If the level of debt the government has injected was included, it would have raised more than £4.3 billion once the privatisation is complete, on the assumption that the remaining 40 per cent of the shares is sold at the same price, he said.

☐ The government's low key attitude to the privatisation of the electricity generating companies compared with the heavy sell of the distribution companies makes the share sale something of a guessing game (Rodney Hobson writes).

Nonetheless, financial institutions are rushing to offer cheap dealing services to the small investor. Pitching the issue price at 175p means shares are likely to trade at only a small premium, perhaps 10p-15p, when dealings start.

Deprived of hopes of a bonanza, fewer small investors may turn out than for the sale of the 12 regional electricity companies.

But applicants are likely to be alloted more shares — the minimum application is for 300, against the 100 to which applicants for the distributors were scaled down.

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Investor watchdogs fail in mission to police industry

By Tony Wilkinson

IT IS three years since the investment industry began to put its house in order. Wednesday marks the third anniversary of the day when every person or firm conducting investment business had to register with a self regulatory organisation (SRO).

Already, one of the main SROs, the Financial Intermediaries Managers and Brokers Regulatory Association (Fimbra) is in trouble. True independent financial advice — one of the cornerstones of the new legislation — is at risk.

Since the Financial Services Act came into force, nearly £5 million has been paid to investors whose advisers have been judged "in default". And Fimbra has weeded out 1,500 independent financial advisers who had criminal records or were undischarged bankrupts. Another 1,500 companies simply withdrew. The backlog of "interim authorised" advisers has also shortened. Only 26 such companies are now operating without full authorisation.

But the main aim of the Financial Services Act — to protect *investors against sharp* practice and to provide compensation when things go wrong — is far from being achieved.

With 19 regulatory bodies, compared with one in most European countries, many investors still find the new system bewilderingly complex. And there are now fears that unscrupulous advisers are fleeing regulatory bodies that provide relatively effective policing for those whose standards are less rigorous.

A recent survey by the Consumers' Association shows that many investors are still not being told whether they are receiving independent financial advice or if they are being sold the products of one company. Of 32 advisers chosen at random from Yellow Pages, two out of three failed to hand over leaflets explaining which type of adviser the customer was dealing with. One in three waited until asked to explain whether or not they were independent.

There are also complaints about the efficiency and fairness of the Investors' Compensation Scheme (ICS). For every pound paid out in compensation, three are still owed. Nine investment firms have been declared "in default" since last April, but none of their investors has yet been paid. Also, investors expecting to be covered by the scheme have found they are not. Hardship caused by delay can be acute, even when the investment itself is not at risk.

The limits of compensation — £48,000 per individual — are also being questioned. Before the Financial Services Act came into operation, investors could obtain up to £250,000 compensation if they dealt with a Stock Exchange member who went out of business.

Jean Eaglesham, senior researcher at the Consumers' Association, describes the new limit as "wholly inadequate" for equity investments. "The limit should be in six figures and index-linked," she said.

Fimbra has borne the brunt of the claims for compensation, mostly because its members deal directly with the public. It accounts for £12 million of the £13 million currently owed by the investment industry.

This month's leaked report by Sir Gordon Downey, Fimbra's chairman, describes the "accelerating decline in the independent financial advisory sector". Of *Fimbra's original 10,000 potential* members, the number is now 7,000 and falling. The high cost of compensation levies on members is said to be largely to blame.

In the last year, hundreds of independent financial advisers have either ceased trading or have left the investment business altogether. The crash of Dunsdale Securities, another Fimbra member, in June last year, will add to the remaining members' burden. It owes 200 investors as much as £8 million.

A Fimbra spokesman said: "We are not insolvent now, but it's possible we could become so unless steps are taken to lift the financial burden on our members."

The biggest number of desertions from Fimbra has been away from independent advice itself. Between May and October last year, 22 per cent of those leaving Fimbra became tied agents of insurance companies. Others have simply switched to other SROs, a move that is worrying Garry Heath, chief executive of the National Federation of Independent Advisers.

"Fimbra has been very effective at weeding out people with criminal records or those who are undischarged bankrupts. Other self-regulating bodies do not have the same level of safeguards," he said. Mr Heath is also concerned that political lobbies gained special exemptions for groups such as banks and lawyers when the Financial Services Act was set up.

"They deal with a tiny percentage of the investment business, but they have great influence, and they were allowed to regulate themselves. I think it is wrong, for example, that solicitors should claim to be financial advisers."

But a Law Society spokesman said: "Anyone who asks for financial advice from a solicitor will be compensated if things go wrong."

The Securities and Investment Board claims that the Financial Services Act has been a success. It advises investors to check with its central register to find out if an adviser is fully authorised.

ADRIAN BROOKS

Tied funds: Stephen Gauntlett at Salisbury Cathedral, whose school cash is held at BCMB

School learns a lesson on overnight deposits

SALISBURY Cathedral School rues the day it placed £840,000 through Stock Group into the British & Commonwealth Merchant Bank. The money, which includes school fees and the proceeds of two large leases about to be reinvested, was intended to be on deposit for a few days. That week, the bank collapsed and the school has been unable to use its money for more than nine months (Tony Wilkinson writes).

Stephen Gauntlett, chapter clerk of Salisbury Cathedral, said: "We have been told that the money is frozen. It is said to be earning interest at a commercial rate. This means the amount must now be touching £1 million, but we cannot get at it. By March, the school will be put in serious difficulty. It could jeopardise all our expansion plans."

The 900-year-old Cathedral School needs to build classrooms, dormitories and a large hall. Money was earmarked to pay architects for a feasibility study and the school has had to borrow money from the cathedral spire appeal fund. Mr Gauntlett said: "We are robbing Peter to pay Paul. We could not afford to borrow from a bank, so we have had to use some of the cathedral's resources on a temporary basis.

"We have been unable to break the wall of silence about when our money might be released. We have written to our MPs, to the House of Lords and, a month ago, we went to see counsel to see if legal action could be taken. We have been told nothing can be done." He said that a Turkish bank was said to be negotiating for BCMB, but that no one could say whether the deal would be completed.

Mr Gauntlett said: "The BCMB was approved by The Securities Association and licensed by the Bank of England as a deposit taker, but that seems to make no difference. It is unacceptable that an innocent charity depositor should be deprived of its funds without any redress."

Robert Key, Conservative MP for Salisbury, has received a letter from John Redwood, the corporate affairs minister, saying that the administrators are still seeking to bring about a sale of the bank. He advises the school to apply to a court if it considers the affairs of the bank have been unfairly prejudicial to some or all of its creditors. A spokesman for the Stock Group, which handled the investment with BCMB, said that there had been no developments on the potential sale to a Turkish bank. Other investors were unaware that substantial investments had been sold and the proceeds placed on deposit.

In the meantime, visitors to Salisbury Cathedral who donate money for the upkeep of the building, have unwittingly been helping the Cathedral School.

Umbrella protects to £48,000

THE compensation schemes vary according to the financial institution involved. The umbrella scheme, run in association with SIB, the top-tier watchdog, is called the Investors' Compensation Scheme. Independent financial advisers, unit trust groups and other investment houses are all members.

When a member company is declared by SIB to be in default, investors are sent forms within a few weeks advising them how to claim. Anyone missed on the list can claim within six months of the default.

As soon as it has been proved that an investor is owed money, he or she is entitled to 100 per cent of the first £30,000, and 90 per cent of the next £20,000. This brings the maximum for an individual claim to £48,000, which is adequate for all but a handful of investors, SIB says.

After six months, if a claim has not been settled, the Investors' Compensation Scheme pays interest at 2 per cent below the London Interbank Offered Rate.

Payments cannot be made on false guarantees by investment companies. SIB assesses the true value of an individual's investments and pays out accordingly. This means that if an investment firm has falsely stated the return on an investment, investor statements including inflated returns will be ignored for compensation purposes. Firms which are "interim authorised" are not covered by the scheme. A full list of members is available from SIB's central register in London or from most libraries.

The insurance industry runs a separate compensation scheme. If a company collapses, the fund pays out 90 per cent of any claim or investment, with no upper limit. The scheme applies equally to life, general, and motor insurance.

The Policyholders' Protection Board was set up to administer the compensation fund after the collapse of Vehicle and General in the early Seventies. Deryck Wright, the secretary of the PPB, said there had been no more than a handful of cases in 15 years.

Most, he said, were minor company failures and there had been only two levies on member companies to cover the compensation costs: £1.5 million in 1977 to cover the collapse of a life insurance company and £1 million in 1990 for a non-life insurance company.

The Building Societies Association has run its own statutory investor protection scheme for the past four years. It remains theoretical, however, having never paid out.

"We have a strict prudential regime," said John Murray of the Building Societies Association.

Bank investors are covered by the Deposit Protection Scheme operated by the Bank of England. This can pay out a maximum of 75 per cent of the first £20,000 for each investor.

It is currently sorting out payments to investors caught up in the collapse of British & Commonwealth Holdings, including clients of Stock Group, who are owed £100 million. The money was held on deposit by the British & Commonwealth Merchant Bank.

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